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IN THE

HYDERABAD ASSIGNED DISTRICTS,

FOR

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To

The SECRETARY for BERAR to the RESIDENT,

Hyderabad.

Dated Akola, 14*th March* 1883.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my Report on the administration of Civil Justice in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1882, and to forward the prescribed returns and district reports for the information of the Resident.

District reports.

2. The reports were all received punctually. It was, however, found necessary to return some of the statements for correction to the Basim, Ellichpur, and Wun Districts. The last return was amended on the 22nd February. This somewhat retarded the tabulation of the provincial returns, and consequently caused some delay in the preparation of my Report.

Tribunals.

3. The number of civil courts open at the close of the year 1882 is shown below:—

	1881.	1882.
Court of the Judicial Commissioner ...	1	1
Court of Civil Judges of the 6th grade ...	6	6
Do. 5th do. ...	7	7
Do. 4th do. ...	3	3
Do. 3rd do. ...	3	5
Do. 2nd do. ...	11	9
Do. 1st do. ...	1	...
Judges of Small Cause Courts	3	3
Total ...	35	34

The decrease is due to the Tahsildar at Yeotmal not having exercised any civil powers at the close of the year.

It may be noted that the Small Cause Court Judges of Akola and Khamgaon were also employed during the year as Subordinate Judges of the 5th grade.

4. The arrangement of the first part of this Report has been slightly modified to suit the alterations in the forms of the returns. In other respects, the Report has been drawn up on the same plan as that adopted in previous years.

5. The subjects to be noticed now fall under the following divisions and headings:—

Part I.—Original Courts—

a.—Institution of suits.
b.—Classification of suits.
c.—Value and costs of suits.
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PART I.—Original Courts.

A.—*Institution of Suits.*

6. The total number of suits instituted amounted to 27,032, being an increase of 4,931, or 22·3 per cent. upon the figures of the year before. As far as can be gathered from the records of this office, this is the highest total yet attained in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts.

Number of institutions of original suits.

From the following table, which shows the fluctuations in institutions in the different classes of courts for two years, it will be seen that the increase has been distributed almost entirely between the sub-divisional and small cause courts:—

	1882.	1881.
Chief courts of districts	40 ...	14
District courts	7,445 ...	7,741
Sub-divisional courts	13,297 ...	8,961
Small cause courts	6,250 ...	5,385
Total ...	27,032	22,101

Increase of litigation.

7. The increase noted in the foregoing para. has been general, being spread over every district in the province.

The following is a list of the districts and small cause court in which the proportion of increase exceeds 10 per cent.:—

	Percentages of variations as compared with 1881.
Ellichpur District	59·3
Akola do.	36·1
Small Cause Court, Akola	29·7
Wun District...	20·5

Causes of increase.

The increase in the Ellichpur District is attributed to increased agricultural prosperity, which led creditors in that district to seek the aid of the Courts in the hope of realizing outstandings. In the Akola District the establishment of an Assistant Commissioner's Court at Jalgaon, and the increased facilities which the removal of the Argaon Court to Akot has given to the determination of small debt suits near the residence of the parties concerned, is said to have increased litigation. No satisfactory explanation has been suggested by the Judge of the Akola Small Cause Court, who, however, thinks that the increase in question may be due to the growing popularity of the Court. In Wun it is ascribed to the improved circumstances of the district. Generally the increase may be attributed to a fairly good season, and to the advance of the province in material prosperity.

B.—*Classification of Suits.*

8. Imperial Statement No. VII. in the appendix classifies the suits which were instituted during the year 1882. Re-admitted cases and cases transferred are excluded therefrom.

The annexed comparative statement exhibits in a more concise form the principal changes which have taken place in the character of civil litigation during the past two years:—

	1882	1881	Increase.	Decrease.
Contracts in writing	15,634 ...	12,682 ...	2,952	...
Do. not in writing ...	2,586 ...	2,175 ...	411	...
On account stated	3,936 ...	3,246 ...	690	...
Money had and received	103 ...	314 ...	...	211
Goods sold	729 ...	804 ...	...	75
Wages, work and material ...	207 ...	149 ...	58	...
Breaches of contract not mentioned above... ...	380 ...	362 ...	18	...
Rent not falling under rent law ...	220 ...	181 ...	39	...
Moveable property or its value ...	927 ...	587 ...	340	...
Damages	104 ...	104 ...	...	...
Suits relating to marriage ...	61 ...	41 ...	20	...
Immoveable property ...	1,358 ...	864 ...	494	...
Other suits	787 ...	592 ...	195	...
Total ...	27,032 ...	22,101 ...	5,217	286

9. Contracts in writing have increased in almost every district with the increase of litigation. The proportion borne by these suits to those for money due is 68 per cent. It may safely be inferred from the district reports that the taking of written security is becoming more popular in the province.

Written and unwritten obligations.

Suits on unwritten obligations have also increased and so have suits on "account stated." This again is what was to be anticipated. Some districts, however, show a falling-off, notwithstanding an increase in the total number of suits. The tendency of suits under the latter head to decrease has been thus accounted for by Colonel Menzies:

"It is not to be wondered at, for such suits give more trouble to a suitor than he would have had, if he had taken a bond for his security; the debtor denies the settlement of the account, and also the correctness of the balance shown, and then it is not easy for his creditor to prove either, but the bond is executed with formalities which impress themselves on the minds of witnesses."

The next point to be noticed is the comparatively large numerical increase in suits for immoveable property. Of the suits of this class, 999 or 73·5 per cent. related to revenue survey fields; the percentage in the preceding year was 79·5. And of 375 suits to establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, mortgage, &c., 238 related likewise to similar property.

Suits for immoveable property.

c.—*Value and Cost of Suits.*

10. Imperial Return No. VIII. shows the value of the suits instituted during the year.

Excluding suits the money value of which cannot be fixed, the aggregate value of suits disposed of in 1882 amounted to Rs. 29,38,322-13-1, against Rs. 22,21,189-13-1, being an increase of Rs. 7,17,133, or 24·1 per cent. The increase is most marked in the lowest classes of suits.

Aggregate value of suits.

The average value of suits disposed of is Rs. 111-8-6, as compared with Rs. 103-4-0 in the preceding year. The highest average in the districts is in Akola (Rs. 151-13-3), and the lowest in Basim (Rs. 84-12-5.)

Average value of suits.

The aggregate cost of suits has risen from Rs. 3,16,748-12-0 in 1881 to Rs. 4,27,709-13-5 in 1882, and the average cost of each suit comes to Rs. 14-2-10. In 1881 it was Rs. 13-3-0, or a difference of Rs. 0-15-10 only. The increase above referred to in the average value of suits accounts for an increase in the average costs of suits.

Aggregate cost of suits.

11. The percentage of costs to the total value of suits has also increased from Rs. 13-12-1 in 1881, to Rs. 14-8-10 for 1882. This result is, no doubt, due to the increase in the percentage of contested suits. The percentage of each district is as follows:

Percentage of costs.

	Rs.	a.	p.
Akola	12	15	9
Buldana	16	4	8
Basim	15	9	10
Amraoti	14	5	2
Ellichpur	14	11	11
Wun	11	7	9

12. The necessary and voluntary cost in each suit decided was Rs. 10-15-2 and Rs. 3-3-8, against Rs. 10-6-6 and Rs. 2-12-6 in the preceding year. The slight increase in costs is ascribed in some of the district reports to the summoning of numerous witnesses unnecessarily, and also to a tendency in some courts to issue commissions in cases which ought more properly to be enquired into by the court.

Necessary and voluntary costs.

D.—*Disposal of Original Suits.*

13. Reference to Imperial Return No. IX. in the appendix to this Report shows that including 1,937 cases pending from 1880, 331 re-admitted cases, and 687 received by

Suits for disposal.

a nsfer, the total number of suits for disposal during the year amounted to 29,987, h owing an increase of 15·8 per cent., as compared with 1880.

Number disposed of.

Of the total number on the file 27,070, or 93·2 per cent. were disposed of during the year. The general result (excluding cases transferred) of the trial of the suits disposed of were:—

	No. of suits.	Proportion per cent.	Corresponding proportion in 1881.
Contested.			
Judgment given for plaintiff in whole or part	6,514	24·2	23·6
Defendant in whole	1,526	5·6	5·2
Total ...	8,040	29·8	28·8
Without contest.			
Decreed on confession	9,732	35·9	39·1
Compromised	3,478	12·8	12·4
Decreed *ex parte*	3,888	14·4	13·3
Dismissed *ex parte*	134	0·5	0·3
Total ...	17,232	63·6	65·1
Without trial.			
Dismissed for default	1,287	4·7	4·4
Withdrawn	340	1·3	1·4
Rejected or returned	110	0·4	0·2
	1,737	6·4	6·0
By arbitration ...	61	0·2	0·1
Grand Total ...	27,070	100·0	100·0

Contested cases.

14. It will thus be seen that 29·8 per cent. of the litigation disposed of during the year was contested. The difference, as compared with the preceding year, *viz.*, one per cent., is too small to be traced to any specific cause, and is sufficiently accounted for by the rise in litigation. Of contested cases 81 per cent., were decided wholly or partially in favour of plaintiff. In 1881 the proportion borne by contested cases to the disposals of the year was 28·8 per cent., and in 81·4 per cent. of such cases a decree was given in favour of the plaintiff.

Cases decided *ex parte*.

The number of *ex parte* cases is 3,888, or 14·4 per cent. This is somewhat higher than last year, when it was 13·3 per cent. The Wun District and the Small Cause Court, Khamgaon, are noticeable for the large proportion of such cases. On this subject the Judge of the Small Cause Court, Khamgaon, remarks as follows:—

"The fact that there were only five applications for the re-trial of such cases indicates that in the great majority of the cases the debtors must have admitted to themselves the justness of the claims, and did not care to take the trouble of appearing in court."

And his conclusions are confirmed by the Deputy Commissioner, Wun District:—

"This may be attributed to the provisions of section 128, Act 10 of 1877, being more freely worked. After the receipt of a notice under the above section the defendant merely endorses it as 'admitted,' and does not see any necessity for coming to court and making further confession to the claim."

Decreed on confession.

The proportion of decrees on confession has decreased largely, and the decrease has taken place in nearly every district. The percentages are lowest in the Buldana and Amraoti Districts, and the Khamgaon Small Cause Court. Mr. Dunlop explains the falling-off in these cases as follows:—

In last year's Report I gave at some length several reasons for the large number of decrees on confession. On that occasion I pointed out that the people are willing enough

to pay their debts, but have not the means of doing so, and this view is borne out by now finding that a good harvest leads to a decrease in such suits."

15. The year 1881 closed with a pending file of 1,937 cases, and 2,230 cases were pending at the close of the year under report. The increase in the number of cases for disposal is a sufficient explanation of this surplus. Out of the number which awaited disposal at the end of the year, 406 had been pending for more than three months, and of these no less than 149 cases were pending in the Ellichpur District. The following explanation has been submitted by the Deputy Commissioner:—

Pending file.

"Omitting 36 cases that were instituted quite at the close of the year, this is 123 cases more than we had on the pending file last year, though, as the figures above show, *disposals* have been higher proportionately. The increase in the number of pending cases follows, of course, the increase in litigation, and though the Extra Assistant Commissioner was assisted by Mr. Yar Mahomed, the increase in business was more than could be kept down."

16. The average duration of contested cases has risen from 46·2 to 47·9 days, while that of uncontested is 26·3 days or 0·6 per cent. less than in the previous year.

Average duration.

In contested cases the average was highest in the Ellichpur District (88·8 days), although it is 17 days below the corresponding figure for 1881. It is thus explained by the Deputy Commissioner:—

"The duration in contested cases is a great deal too high in the Assistant Commissioner's and the Daryapur Tahsildar's courts, and might advantageously be lower in the Extra Assistant Commissioner's Court, though the pressure of work at present falling to that court (to be presently referred to) makes it difficult for the Judge presiding to keep it lower. * * * The great delay, however, in the Assistant Commissioner's Court is not to be assigned to unpreventable causes. I regret very much to have to say so, and to animadvert unfavorably on the attention given to the disposal of civil business by Major Rennick during the period of his presiding in the Court." * * *

E.—*Original Miscellaneous Cases.*

17. Imperial Statement No. IX.—Part II. shows the result of trial of miscellaneous cases in the various courts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts.

The total number of miscellaneous cases disposed of by civil courts during the year amounted to 3,101, as compared with 2,079 in the previous year.

Number disposed of.

Details of disposal.

Further details of disposal are given in the following comparative statement:—

	1882.		1881.	
	No.	Percentage.	No.	Percentage.
Disposed of.				
Without trial ...	568 ...	18·3 ...	335 ...	16·1
Without contest ...	1,012 ...	32·6 ...	693 ...	33·3
With contest and judgment given for plaintiff ...	1,002 ...	32·4 ...	728 ...	35·0
Without contest and judgment given for defendant ...	519 ...	16·7 ...	323 ...	15·6
Total ...	3,101 ...	100· ...	2,079 ...	100·

18. The cases in question are made up of applications of a miscellaneous nature, such as applications for copies, and for review of judgment, &c. Of the without trial cases in the past year, nearly half were applications returned or rejected. The other figures do not call for any particular remark. Applications connected with execution of decrees will be dealt with in a later section of the Report.

The number of applications which remained pending at the close of 1882 was 291, or 8·5 per cent. of the number for disposal.

Number pending.

The average duration of contested cases was 29·6 days and of uncontested cases 21·1 days, against 26 and 16·1 in the previous year. Considering the amount of business performed

Average duration.

during the year under report, I do not consider that a duration of less than a month for contested cases and of about 20 days for uncontested cases can be reckoned excessive.

F.—*Agency for disposal of suits.*

Distribution of work.

19. The subjoined comparative statement shows in greater detail than Imperial Return No. IX. the distribution of work among the different classes of courts excluding cases tried by the small cause courts and cases transferred. The number of courts of each class has been added with reference to para. 25* of the Officiating Resident's remarks on last year's Report :—

* The averages have been calculated on the same principle as in former years including those now given for 1881.

Number of officers employed on civil work.		Grade of officers.	Cases decided.				Average number of cases decided by each officer of each grade.	
			Number.		Percentage.			
1881.	1882.		1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.	1881.	1882.
6	6	Deputy Commissioners ..	19	46	0·1	0·2	3·2	7·7
13	12	Assistant Commissioners ...	2,880	7,200	17·4	34·7	221·5	600·0
3	2	Attachés	1,711	727	10·4	3·5	570·3	363·5
8	7	Extra Assistant Commissioners ...	8,010	8,980	48·4	43·2	1001·2	1282·9
12	9	Tahsildars	3,921	3,820	23·7	18·4	326·8	424·4
42	36		16,541	20,773	100·0	100·0	393·8	575·1

Chief courts of districts.

20. Compared with the year 1881 there is a slight improvement in the percentage of work done by Deputy Commissioners. The 46 cases shown in the above table were decided by the following Deputy Commissioners :—

Akola	7
Basim	3
Amraoti	4
Ellichpur	10
Wun	22

These figures appear to call for no remarks. Deputy Commissioners have so many other duties to perform that they cannot be expected to take any more original civil work than the law compels them to undertake.

Assistant Commissioners.

The most noticeable feature in the statement is that, while Tahsildars have been relieved of judicial work during the year to an increased degree, the amount of work performed by Assistant Commissioners was considerably larger than in the previous year. The proportion assigned to Assistant Commissioners in the Central Provinces in 1881 was 16·5 per cent.

Attachés disposed on the average of 363 cases each, as against 570 in 1881. The percentage decided by them was also smaller, there being only two employed as against three in 1881.

Extra Assistant Commissioners.

A smaller percentage of civil business was performed by the Extra Assistant Commissioners. This decrease is partly due to the fact that a smaller number of Civil Courts were presided over by officers of this grade. The number of suits, however, disposed of by these officers rose from 8,018 to 8,980.

Work done by European and Native Judges.

21. Cases were divided between European and native agency as under :—

	No. of cases.	Percentage.
European Judges ...	2,488 ...	12·0
Native do. ...	18,285 ...	88·0

showing a decrease in disposals by the former agency of two per cent., as compared with the proportion of 1881.

G.—*Execution of Decrees.*

22. The progress in execution of decrees is shown in Imperial Return No. XI.

Applications for execution disposed of.

Of 23,428 applications for execution for disposal, 19,813, or 84·5 per cent. were disposed of during the year as follows:—

		1882.		1881.
Completely executed		30·3	...	28·3
Partially do.	...	19·7	...	21·5
Struck off without execution	...	45·3	...	45·6
Transferred	...	4·7	...	4·6

23. The figures for 1882 compare favourably in the above statement with those of the preceding year, especially as regards the increase in the percentage of cases completely executed. The percentage of cases struck off without execution was almost the same as in 1881.

Applications completely executed.

The percentage of applications completely executed is highest in the Ellichpur District (36·7). In the Buldana District only 27·7 per cent. of the total disposed of were completely executed, and the proportion of cases struck off, too, is highest in that district (51·8).

Applications struck off.

Colonel Menzies has embodied a statement in his report showing the various causes which led to the striking off in the Buldana District of the 836 cases without execution. These are too numerous to be mentioned in this place, but the following are some of the reasons given in regard to a large number of these cases:—

	No. of cases.
No property found to attach	167
Plaintiff failed to point out property or failed to attend to do so...	177
Failure of prosecution by default in payment of process fees ..	217

Amount in execution.

The total value of the money decrees in execution during the year was Rs. 3,62,894-11-7, against Rs. 2,09,422-12-4 in the previous year. Details of the manner of realizations are given below:—

	Rs.	a.	p.
Paid in voluntarily	56,045	0	4
With the issue of process	3,06,849	11	3

Arrests and imprisonment.

There were 201 civil debtors in prison during the year, including 17 remaining from last year. Of these 187 were released during the year, and 14 were remaining at its close. The highest number of warrants of arrest was issued in the Amraoti District.

Attachment and sale of property.

In 59 per cent. of the cases in which moveable property was attached, sale followed. In the remainder the mere attachment of the property was sufficient for the recovery of the amounts due.

Decrees for immoveable property.

Immoveable property was attached in 2,592 instances as against 1,641 in 1881. Sales took place in 1,005 cases as against 873. Of these 107, as against 36 in the previous year, were of hereditary or self-acquired interest in land.

In regard to cases of this nature in the Amraoti District, Major Bullock writes:—

"It will be observed that there was an increase of 182 cases under the head suits for immoveable property. This is a very large increase, and with the increase in column 23 (suits to establish and declare rights to real property) seems to show that land is being

disposed of. As yet, however, there is really no harm done in Berar, and the changes are, as a rule, from the hands of paupers, who could do little or nothing with the land, even if they retained it."

Other modes in which execution was effected were as follows. In nine cases possession was given of moveable, and in 399 cases of immoveable property; the specific performance of 62 decrees was enforced, in 26 cases partition was effected, 440 decrees were otherwise executed.

Bankruptcy.

There were 20 application sunder Chapter XX., Act X of 1877 for a declaration of insolvency against 11 in the previous year (excluding applications transferred). The results of the applications in each year are compared below:—

	1882.	1881.
Granted	15 ...	8
Rejected	1 ...	2
Pending	4 ...	1

Column 12 of Statement No. XII. shows that claims to the value of Rs. 10,570-12-0 were admitted, but no payments were made in satisfaction of claims.

Process and court fees.

24. The total income of court and process fees during the year amounted to Rs. 4,13,982-13-0, including the amount realized in the Judicial Commissioner's court against Rs. 3,13,329-13-0 in the previous year. The rise on the present occasion is, of course, due to the increase in litigation.

The Process Service Establishment cost Rs. 55,339-6-7, leaving an unexpended balance of Rs. 3,58,643-6-5.

The income continues to be in excess of all expenditure.

II.—*Witnesses.*

25. The following statement shows the attendance of witnesses during the past year:—

No. of witnesses who attended.	Period of detention.			No. of witnesses examined.
	For one day.	For two days.	For three days and upwards.	
51,345	46,076	4,365	904	25,444

No. of witnesses who attended.

26. The number of witnesses who attended the courts was 51,345, or 14,984 more than in 1881. The increase is no doubt attributable to the increase in litigation generally.

The highest detention (six days) occurred in the Akola, Basim and Wun districts. The Deputy Commissioner of the last named district explains that this was owing to the heavy criminal work in the court of the Assistant Commissioner. The point has been left unnoticed in the reports from the two other districts, but work has been heavy during the year, and civil witnesses have to wait if a criminal case is brought up, and it often happens that criminal cases come up more than one at a time.

27. The number of witnesses allowed to go unexamined is comparatively large. On this subject the Deputy Commissioner, Buldana, says:—

"There is very reckless summoning of witnesses; half of them need never have appeared in Court. The fact is that vakils do not study their cases till the day of hearing, and ask for summons for every person mentioned by a client without attempting to discover what evidence the witnesses can give of his own knowledge, and when he arrives they learn he knows nothing and do not call him."

On the whole, the statistics of the year appear to have been prepared with care. In the Wun District they were verified by examination of the registers and found correct.

PART II.—Small Cause Courts.

28. The remarks made in the foregoing sections, as well as the figures given, include the business transacted in the small cause courts of the province. The following details show the working of these courts separately, according to the plan adopted in former years.

Suits instituted.

The number of suits instituted during the year in these courts was 6,250, showing an increase of 865, as compared with the preceding year, as follows:—

	Increase.
Akola	29·7
Khamgaon	7·2
Amraoti	10·0

In connection with this the Judge of the Akola Small Cause Court has the following remarks:—

"I regret my inability to give a reliable explanation as to the causes that produced such a result. I am inclined to attribute it, however, to the growing popularity of the court, and the prompt manner in which its business was disposed of by my predecessor."

The increase in the Khamgaon Court is thus accounted for by Mr. Dunlop:—

"I anticipated that the year would close with nearly the same number of suits as in the preceding year. But almost at the last day, *viz.*, on the 16th and 18th December, 57 suits were hurriedly instituted, to save the period of limitation, which expired at the Nagdeewallee."

The Judge of the Small Cause Court at Amraoti writes:—

* * "No doubt the prosperity which prevailed during the year, the large crops, and the increase in trade which these gave rise to, is the cause of the increase."

Classification of suits.

29. The following table shows the classification of suits;—

	1882.	1881.	Increase.	Decrease.
Contracts in writing	3,828	3,312	516	...
Do. not in writing	257	253	4	...
On account stated	1,282	1,032	250	...
Money had and received	48	44	4	...
Goods sold	330	353	...	23
Wages, work and material	126	90	36	...
Breach of contract not mentioned above	90	120	...	30
Rent not falling under rent law	99	65	34	...
Moveable property or its value	158	106	52	...
Damages	32	13	19	...
Total	6,250	5,388	915	53

The growing popularity of written records of the dealings between money-lenders and their clients is a subject of remark in almost every district and small cause court report.

Value and cost of suits.

30. The aggregate value of suits disposed of has risen from Rs. 4,18,230-10-3 in 1881 to Rs. 4,88,348-12-5 in 1882, an increase of Rs. 70,118-2-2. The average value of each suit was Rs. 77-2-7, against Rs. 78-13-0 last year.

Average cost of suits.

The average cost of each suit has slightly decreased from Rs. 10-10-6 in 1881, to Rs. 10-5-3 in 1882, and the percentage of costs to the total value of suits disposed of

from Rs. 15-10-11 to Rs. 13-5-1. The percentage varied from Rs. 13-8-10 in Akola to Rs. 12-10-3 in Khamgaon.

Of the total number of suits instituted in the small cause courts during the year, about 78 per cent. were for sums not exceeding Rs. 100.

Suits for disposal.

31. The total number of cases for disposal by small cause courts, including those pending from the previous year, was 6,613, of which 6,297 were disposed of during the year.

The details of disposal are as under:—

	1882.	1881.
Dismissed for default	2·5	2·2
Withdrawn	1·9	2·3
Rejected or returned	0·2	0·2
Compromised	13·1	10·9
Decreed on confession	33·3	35·9
Decreed *ex parte*	14·6	12·8
Dismissed *ex parte*	0·3	0·1
By arbitration	0·1	0·0
Contested	34·0	35·6

The following are the results of cases contested in the different courts:—

	Akola.	Khamgaon.	Amraoti.
Judgment for plaintiff in part or in whole.	79·6	91·1	74·7
Do. for defendant	20·4	8·9	25·3

Average duration.

The average duration of contested cases in small cause courts is 19·9 days, which is nearly the same as in 1881. As before it was highest in the Khamgaon Court (30 days). Referring to this the Judge of that court writes:—

"The duration of cases in the Khamgaon Court must always be higher than in the other small cause courts in the province, because of the Judge's mixed jurisdiction, which requires him to provide time for the disposal of sub-judges and criminal and revenue cases as well as a good deal of municipal and other miscellaneous work. It is not possible for me to compete in this respect with other officers, who can devote their whole time to the disposal of civil work."

Pending file.

The number of cases pending at the close of 1882 was 316, as compared with 332 in the preceding year. Of these two had been pending more than three months in the Khamgaon Court, owing to the difficulty of finding the defendants, for which time was given under Section 99 *a*, Civil Procedure Code.

Execution of decrees.

32. There were 4,624 applications for execution of decrees. Of these 4,275 were thus disposed of during the year: 892 were completely executed, 911 were partially executed, and in 2,472 no execution was effected. The number of applications pending was 349, against 527 in the previous year.

Persons imprisoned.

There were nine persons imprisoned during the year, against 12 in the previous year, and of these only one remained in the jail at it close.

Moveable property.

Moveable property was attached in 849 cases, but in 523 instances only was actual sale resorted to.

Miscellaneous applications.

33. Besides the business detailed above, 293 miscellaneous cases were disposed of other than plaints presented to small cause courts. The number in 1881 was 224.

Income of courts.

34. The aggregate income of the small cause courts, arising from court fees, process fees, and other miscellaneous sources amounted to Rs. 78,802-15-0, and the total expen-

diture Rs, 47,855-8-9, showing a balance to profit of Rs. 30,947, thus:—

	Receipts.				Expenditure.				Balance.		
	Rs.	a.	p.		Rs.	a.	p.		Rs.	a.	p.
Akola ...	25,587	7	0	...	14,788	0	0	..	10,799	7	0
Khamgaon ...	24,034	8	0	...	15,565	4	6	...	8,469	3	6
Amraoti ...	29,181	0	0	...	17,502	4	3	...	11,678	11	9

The Akola and Khamgaon Courts include income and expenditure on the Subordinate Judge's side also. The Amraoti Court decided small cause court cases only during the year.

PART III.—Appellate Courts.

A.—*District Courts.*

Appeals in district courts.

35. The number of appeals for disposal by Deputy Commissioners, including those pending from the previous year, was 443, or an increase of 19, as compared with the year 1881, of which 421 or 95 per cent. were disposed of during the year.

Appeals decided.

The details of disposal for the two years are noted below:—

	1882.		1881.	
	No.	Per-centage.	No.	Per-centage
Rejected under Section 551, Civil Procedure Code...	55	13·1	13	3·4
Dismissed for default	23	5·4	13	3·4
Confirmed ... { *Ex parte*	18	4·3	41	10·7
Confirmed ... { After contest	165	39·2	152	39·8
Modified	54	12·8	29	7·6
Reversed	72	17·2	85	22·3
Remanded	34	8·1	49	12·8
	421	100·	382	100·

36. The proportion of appeals rejected is nearly 10 per cent. higher. Remands were less frequent, and the proportion reversed is 5 per cent. lower than last year.

Of the 22 appeals which were pending at the close of the year two had been pending more than three months in Ellichpur and one in the Buldana District. Major Mackenzie has furnished the following explanation:—

"Of the six appeals which are shown pending at the close of the year, one was filed in December before year closed, and five stand remanded for further enquiry under Section 566, Civil Procedure Code. In two which are over three months the action of the court below has been unduly delayed."

And the Deputy Commissioner, Buldana, explains the delay thus:—

"The case was sent back to the Lower Court for a finding on the issue framed in the appellate court under Section 566, Civil Procedure Code, on the 18th February 1882. No period for its return was fixed. The delay was occasioned by the ill-health of a witness who could not appear, Tahsildar Trimbak Rao. Eventually he was examined by interrogatories, and the case came back to the appellate court in December 1882, but was not heard in that month, so it remained pending at the close of the year."

37. The average duration of appeals in district courts was 37·8 days. It was highest in the Amraoti District, 67·5 days. The high average duration is thus explained by the Deputy Commissioner:—

"The average duration was 67·5, against 74 in the previous year. I did my best to reduce the average duration, but was much hampered by Mr. Bheem Rao's not returning cases sent to him under Section 566 for a considerable length of time.

38. The value of appeals disposed of by Deputy Commissioners amounted to Rs. 49,461-15-5, and the cost of appeals decided to Rs. 7,798-2-3.

Value of appeals.

The average value of each appeal was Rs. 119-7-7, against Rs. 142-14-8 in 1881. The average cost has decreased from Rs. 23-5-8 to Rs. 18-8-4, and the percentage of costs to value from Rs. 16-5-4 to Rs. 15-12-3.

39. The foregoing paragraphs deal with appeals from decrees. In addition to these 26 miscellaneous appeals came before district courts during the year.

Miscellaneous appeals.

Of the number for disposal 24, or 92·3 per cent., were disposed of with results as under:—

		Percentage. 1882.	1881.
Summarily rejected		29·2	37·5
Dismissed for default		8·3	...
Confirmed..	*Ex parte*	...	12·5
	After contest	33·3	...
Modified		8·3	...
Reversed		20·9	50·0
Remanded		...	...

B.—*Judicial Commissioner's Court.*

40. The following statement shows in detail the result of appeals to the Judicial Commissioner's Court. The figures of the previous year have been added for easy comparison:—

Appeals instituted.

Year.	No. of appeals for disposal.	No. of appeals disposed of.	Rejected.		Dismissed for default.		Confirmed.		Modified.		Reversed.		Remanded under Section 562, Civil Procedure Code.	
			No.	Percentage.	No.	Percentage.	No.	Percentage.	No.	Percentage.	No.	Percentage.	No.	Percentage.
1882 ...	409	366	200	54·6	17	4·7	89	24·3	18	4·9	33	9·0	9	2·5
1881 ..	286	203	79	38·9	9	4·5	60	29·6	10	4·9	39	19·2	6	2·9

41. The percentage of rejections has increased by 15·7 per cent. The proportion of orders confirmed, as shown above, was 24·3 per cent., or 5 per cent. below that for 1881, while reversals have fallen from 19·2 to 9 per cent. There is no material variation in the percentage of cases modified and dismissed for default.

Number disposed of.

The pending file at the close of the year amounted to 42, being 41 less than in the previous year. Eleven appeals were pending over three months. Some of these cases were remanded under Section 566, Civil Procedure Code; others had been unavoidably adjourned either on the application of the parties or because the Judicial Commissioner had appeals fixed for hearing while on tour in other districts than those in which the cases in question arose.

Pending file.

The average duration is 78· days, or 5 days less than in 1881.

Average duration.

42. The aggregate value of appeals disposed of in the Judicial Commissioner's Court amounted to Rs. 2,61,738-12-2, and the total cost of appeals decided to Rs. 21,217-4. The average value of each appeal was Rs. 790-12, against Rs. 366-6-10 in the preceding year.

Value of appeals.

The average cost of each appeal was Rs. 51-14-0, as compared with Rs. 34-0-1 in 1881, and the percentage of costs to value Rs. 7-11-0, against Rs. 11-2-0 in the preceding year. The rise in the average cost of appeals is probably owing to a large increase in the value of appeals decided (*i. e.*, Rs. 2,61,738-12-2 in 1882, as against Rs. 62,290-4-11.)

Average cost.

43. Besides appeals from decrees 53 miscellaneous appeals engaged the attention of the Judicial Commissioner during the year. Of the number for disposal, 43 were disposed

Miscellaneous appeals.

of with an average duration of 80 days, as under:—

	Percentage. 1882.	1881.
Summarily rejected	69·8 ...	25·0
Dismissed for default	4·7 ...	4·1
Confirmed	6·9 ...	16·7
Modified	2·3 ...	16·7
Reversed	16·3 ...	25·0
Remanded under Section 562, Civil Procedure Code ...	... ...	12·5

PART IV.—Procedure.

44. The following statement will show the number of cases the proceedings in which were called up for inspection by Deputy Commissioners :—

Class of courts.	No. of cases called up including the balance of last year.	No. of cases transferred to Assistant Commissioner for inspection and report.	No. of cases inspected by the Deputy Commissioner himself.	Result of inspection. Cases in which procedure was found to be correct.	Cases in which errors pointed out and communicated to the officers concerned.	No. of cases ordered to be admitted under the Government Notification No. 112-J., dated 19th July 1878.	Total.	No. of cases pending inspection at the close of the year.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Akola ...	230	112	118	166	64	...	230	...	
Buldana ...	167	...	158	155	3	...	158	9	
Basim ...	276	8	268	210	66	...	276	...	
Amraoti ...	221	...	221	198	23	...	221	...	
Ellichpur ...	340	...	320	211	109	...	320	20	
Wun ...	389	...	389	218	171	...	389	...	
Total ...	1,623	120	1,474	1,158	436	...	1,594	29	

These officers report very favourably on the procedure of the courts subordinate to them, and in the cases which have come under my notice I have found great care exercised.

Great attention has been paid to the correct maintenance of the prescribed registers, which is the more commendable because the sanctioned establishments are so inadequate. A great deal of work which ought to be performed by responsible officers has now unavoidably to be done by Umedwars, petition writers, and such like.

45. The following officers have been in charge of the different districts during the year, and their reports must speak for themselves, as I only took charge after the close of the year:—

Name of Officer.	Time during which he held charge of the district.	Name of district.
Major H. C. A. Szczepanski ...	12 months ...	Wun.
Major K. J. L. Mackenzie ...	do. ...	Ellichpur.
Lieut.-Col. J. FitzGerald ...	do. ...	Akola.
Major R. Bullock ...	do. ...	Amraoti.
Major D. W. Laughton ...	3 do. ...	Buldana.
Colonel H. C. Menzies ...	9 do. ...	Do.
Mr. H. B. Knowlys ...	1 do. ...	Basim.
Major A. Farrer ...	7 do. ...	Do.

Notice of officers.

46. The following officers have been specially brought to notice by Deputy Commissioners.

Wun.—Messrs. Elliott and Mir Ihsan-ul-Hakk, Mr. Ambadas Santu, Tahsildar of Wun.

Amraoti.—Mr. Sri Kishan Narhar.

Akola.—Messrs. Dunlop, Davies, Kesheo Rao, and Nizam-ud-Din.

Ellichpur.—Messrs. Knowlys and Yar Mahomed Khan.

Buldana.—Lieut.-Colonel Laughton and Mr. Hare.

Basim.—Messrs. Purshotam Rao, Vishnu Sadaseo and Fitzpatrick, Mr. Khwaja Badr-ud-Din, Tahsildar of Pusad.

Of Mr. Jones, the Superintendent of this office, Colonel Bushby has left the following character:—

"A most efficient, zealous, and *honest* officer, on whom implicit confidence can be placed. I need record nothing more than that I consider him much too good for his present position."

Colonel Bushby when making over charge told me of the very high opinion he entertained of Messrs. Bhaskar Rao and Yeshwant Rao, the Clerk and Deputy Clerk of the Court.

I am afraid several deserving officers will be overlooked this year owing to the short time I have been in charge of the office.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

H. SZCZEPANSKI,

Offg. Judicial Commissioner,

Hyderabad Assigned Districts.

APPENDICES.

IMPERIAL.

Judicial Statement No. VII.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing the number and description of Civil Suits instituted in the Civil Courts in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year* 1883.

	Suits for money or moveable property.										Suits under the rent law.								Title and other suits.																		
	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work, and materials.	Breach of contract not mentioned above.	Rent not falling under the rent law.	Moveable property or value thereof.	Damages.	Arrears of rent with or without ejectment or cancelment of lease.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	Relating to distraint.	Damages for extortion or withholding receipts, or on account of illegal restraint or other cause.	For pattahs or kabulayats.	For ejectment or recovery of possession.	For recovery of money or accounts from agent.	All other suits under the rent law not included above.	Suits for immoveable property.	Suits for declaratory decrees.	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowments.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts, or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.	Administration suits.	Inter-pleader suits.	Dissolution of partnership.	Suits under Section 361, Act X. of 1865 (also Hindu Wills Act.)	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Grand Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
Courts in the Interior.																																					
I.—*Civil Courts.*																																					
Unpaid Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
Village Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals ...	5,887	1,420	1,093	14	327	75	178	106	513	53	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	553	38	9	120	46	2	2	2	3	23	5	...	...	...	...	1	1	56	10,527
Small Cause Courts...	3,334	234	1,079	37	246	85	155	50	132	20	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5,377
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ...	4,414	517	933	9	63	20	90	42	105	20	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	593	66	12	162	28	3	1	19	3	47	13	...	...	...	...	2	...	33	7,195
Chief Courts of Districts	12	4	11	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	48
Total ... 1883 ...	13,647	2,175	3,116	60	636	180	424	198	750	93	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,152	105	21	282	74	15	3	21	6	70	20	...	.	...	...	4	1	94	23,147
Total ... 1882 ...	15,634	2,586	3,936	103	729	207	380	220	927	104	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,358	167	26	375	50	8	1	13	8	53	12	...	...	1	...	16	10	108	27,032

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Judicial Statement No. VIII.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing the number and value of suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year* 1883.

Value of suits.	Number of suits instituted in the different Courts.									Total value of suits.			Remarks.
	Not exceeding Rs. 10.	Not exceeding Rs. 50.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Exceeding Rs. 10,000	Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated in money.	Rs.	a.	p.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			12
Courts in the Interior.													
I.—Civil Courts.													
Unpaid Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			...
Village Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals	1,156	5,505	2,334	1,278	125	...	...	...	129	6,70,140	5	7	10,527
Small Cause Courts ...	349	2,531	1,209	1,241	47	...	...	...	...	4,41,721	7	10	5,377
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts.	290	2,327	1,556	2,284	301	161	...	...	276	20,48,193	2	5	7,195
Chief Courts of Districts...	...	...	...	2	13	15	9	6	3	2,70,993	1	3	48
Total... 1883 ...	1,795	10,363	5,099	4,805	486	176	9	6	408	34,31,048	1	1	23,147
Total... 1882 ..	1,826	12,369	5,768	5,905	531	206	12	8	407	30,72,689	1	4	27,032

Note—The total number of suits should be given in the column of remarks against each Court.

Judicial Statement No. IX.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue cases in the Courts of original jurisdiction in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year* 1883.

Part I.—Civil Suits.

Class of Courts.	Total No. of suits before the Courts.*	Number of suits disposed of.												Pending at the close of the year.	No. of cases pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Average duration of suits.	
		Transferred to Courts in other districts.	Without trial.	Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.						Contested.	Uncontested.
				Compromised	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex parte*.	Dismissed *ex parte*.	For Plaintiff.	For Defendant.	Judgment for Plaintiff in whole or in part.	Judgment for Defendant.						
1	2		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
Courts in the Interior.																	
I.—Civil Courts.																	
Unpaid Tribunals.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals ...	12,172	...	1,099	1,539	4,064	1,410	72	22	8	2,126	692	1,140	245	71·8	35·1		
Small Cause Courts	5,746	...	333	737	1,588	885	22	5	...	1,350	325	501	5	22·8	22·8		
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	7,826	...	322	908	2,148	1,327	29	6	...	1,640	405	1,041	217	76·9	35·4		
Chief Courts of Districts ..	67	...	7	12	4	4	...	1	...	14	11	14	12	165·1	66·2		
Total.. 1883 ...	25,811	...	1,761	3,196	7,804	3,626	123	34	8	5,130	1,433	2,696	479	63·5	33·8		
Total.. 1882 .	29,300	...	1,737	3,478	9,732	3,888	134	49	12	6,514	1,526	2,230	406	47·9	26·3		

* That is the total of the entries in columns 3 to 13. Cases transferred from one Court to another in the same district will appear only against the Court by which decided, or in which pending at the close of the year, if not decided.

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Judicial Statement No. IX.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue cases in the Courts of original jurisdiction in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year* 1883.

Part II.— Miscellaneous Cases.—(Judicial.)

Class of Courts.	Total number of cases before the Courts.*	Number of cases disposed of.										Pending at the close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Average duration of cases.	
		Transferred to Courts in other Districts.	Without trial.	Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.					
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex parte*.	Dismissed *ex parte*.	For Plaintiff.	For Defendant.	Judgment for Plaintiff in whole or in part.	Judgment for Defendant.			Contested.	Uncontested.
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Courts in the interior.															
1.—*Civil Courts.*															
Unpaid Tribunals..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals ...	1,277	...	213	44	207	222	29	...	...	304	152	106	21	46·1	25·9
Small Cause Courts	285	...	55	8	25	37	11	...	...	84	51	14	...	25·9	17·
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ...	1,108	...	141	32	146	115	29	...	...	345	213	87	14	43·7	23·1
Chief Courts of Districts ...	127	..	38	2	9	27	3	1	1	17	16	13	6	72·9	31·4
Total ... 1883...	2,797	...	447	86	387	401	72	1	1	750	432	220	41	39·3	22·5
Total ... 1882...	3.392	...	568	102	481	343	86	...	...	1,002	519	291	30	29·6	21·1

* That is the total of the entries in columns 3 to 13. Cases transferred from one Court to another in the same district will appear only against the Court by which decided, or in which pending at the close of the year, if not decided.

Judicial Statement No. X.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year* 1883.

Part I.—Appeals from Decrees.

Class of Courts.	Total No. of appeals before the Court.*	Transferred to Courts in other Districts.	Appeals summarily rejected.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard *ex-parte*.				Contested.				Pending.	Of those pending more than 3 months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objections under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882.
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																
Appeals from Original Decrees.																
A.—Civil Courts.																
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts.	430	...	129	7	5	...	2	...	114	22	36	30	85	10	64·8	...
Do. of Districts ..	482	...	72	24	14	9	7	6	141	40	89	48	32	3	45·2	4
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total .. 1883...	912	...	201	31	19	9	9	6	255	62	125	78	117	13	48	...
Total .. 1882...	852	1	255	40	20	5	4	6	252	67	101	37	64	14	43·5	5

*That is, the total of the entries in columns 3 to 14. Appeals transferred from one Court to another in the same district will appear only against the Court by which decided, or in which pending at the close of the year, if not decided.

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. X.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year* 1883.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS—(Judicial.)

Class of Courts.	Total No. of appeals before the Court.*	Transferred to Courts in other districts.	Appeals summarily rejected.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard *ex parte*. Confirmed.	Heard *ex parte*. Modified.	Heard *ex parte*. Reversed.	Heard *ex parte*. Remanded.	Contested. Confirmed.	Contested. Modified.	Contested. Reversed.	Contested. Remanded.	Pending.	Of these pending more than 3 months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objections under Section 561, Act XIV. of 1882.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																
A.—Civil Courts.																
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	71	...	37	...	...	...	1	...	12	...	3	5	13	...	31	...
Do. of Districts	29	...	8	2	2	...	2	...	2	1	5	1	6	...	17·8	...
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ... 1883 ...	100	...	45	2	2	...	3	...	14	1	8	6	19	...	19·9	...
Total ... 1882 ...	79	...	37	4	...	...	6	...	11	3	6	...	12	1	31·6	...

* That is, the total of the entries in columns 3 to 14. Appeals transferred from one Court to another *in the same district* will only appear against the Court by which decided, or in which pending at the close of the year, if not decided.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XI.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of the decrees of the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year* 1883.

Class of Courts.	Total number of applications for the execution of decrees before the Courts.*	Applications disposed of. By transfer.	Applications disposed of. Satisfaction obtained in full.	Applications disposed of. Satisfaction obtained in part.	Applications disposed of. Wholly infructuous.	Pending at the end of the year.	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Amount realized. With the issue of process.	Amount realized. Without the issue of process.	Number of applications. On which the judgment debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested, but released without imprisonment.	On which moveable property. Was sold.	On which moveable property. Was attached, but subsequently released.	On which immoveable property. Was sold.	On which immoveable property. Was dealt with under Sections 305, 324, or 324, Act XIV. of 1882.	On which immoveable property. Was attached, but subsequently released under Section 275.	On which possession was given. Of moveables.	On which possession was given. Of immoveables.	On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than in the preceding columns.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.								Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.													
I.—Civil Courts.																						
Unpaid Tribunals ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Village Courts .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Paid Sub Divisional Tribunals	9,617	809	2,483	1,322	3,370	1,633	851	89,231 15 4	5,095 12 3	112	62	551	488	540	123	607	5	141	19	8	203	
Small Cause Courts.	4,078	...	777	758	2,103	440	31	18,939 9 10	1,079 0 9	12	36	430	263	...	...	...	1	.	...	...	...	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ...	8,617	511	1,031	1,370	3,200	1,605	792	1,59,885 8 9	3,247 1 0	47	36	526	319	426	122	568	4	172	9	14	202	
Chief Courts of Districts	114	49	28	6	20	11	31	21,249 0 9	..	5	..	2	5	7	...	4	...	6	...	...	2	
Total ... 1883 ...	22,426	1,369	5,219	3,456	8,693	3,689	1,705	2,89,396 2 8	9,421 14 0	176	134	1,509	1,075	973	245	1,179	10	319	28	22	407	
Total ... 1882 ...	23,428	920	6,008	3,904	8,981	3,615	1,337	3,06,849 11 3	56,015 0 4	177	134	2,042	1,39 7	1,003	294	1,293	9	390	62	26	449	

* That is the total of the entries in columns 3 to 7.

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Judicial Statement No. XII.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing the number and result of applications and proceedings under Chapter XX., Act X. of 1877, in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year 1883.*

Class of Courts.	Application for a declaration of insolvency.								Number of insolvents discharged during the year under Section 355.	Number of insolvents' estates in the hands of receivers in which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Amount of creditors' claims dealt with during the year.		Gross amount of insolvents' assets realized and disbursed.		Remarks.
	Total number for hearing.†	Transferred to another district, withdrawn, &c.	Granted.		Rejected.			Pending at the close of the year.			Admitted.	Satisfied.	Realized during the year.	Disbursed during the year.	
			A receiver being appointed.	A receiver not being appointed.	Penal proceedings under Section 359 not being taken.	Sentence of imprisonment being passed under Section 359.	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
											Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
Courts other than chief Courts of Districts*...	24	3	...	8	7	1	...	5	2	...	18,358 8 11	...	147 8 0	70 9 4	
Chief Courts of Districts	6	1	1	3	...	...	...	1	4	...	290 0 0	...	...	...	
Superior Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ... 1883 ...	30	4	1	11	7	1	...	6	6	...	18,648 8 11	...	147 8 0	70 9 4	
Total ... 1882 ...	27	7	2	13	1	...	...	4	...	...	10,570 12 0	...	...	...	

* Specially empowered under Section 360, Act XIV. of 1882.

† That is, the total of the entries in columns 3 to 9. Cases transferred from one Court to another *in the same district* will appear only against the Court by which decided, or in which pending at the close of the year, if not decided.

Judicial Statement No. XX.

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XX.—(Civil).—*Statement showing the general result of*

PART I.—

No.	Name of officer.	Designation.	Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1883.	Received otherwise. Received by transfer from other courts.	Remanded under Section 562, Act XIV. of 1882.	Reviewed under Section 656.	Reviewed under Sections 93, 108 or 371.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Without trial. Plaint rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	AKOLA DISTRICT.												
1	Lieut.-Col. J. FitzGerald	Depy. Commissioner	9	34	6			1	40	16			
2	Mr. H. S. Nicholetts	Offg. do.		3		1			4			1	1
3	,, Nizam-ud-Din	Asst. Commissioner	53	356	16			6	431		3	10	3
4	,, E. J. Kitts	Do.			23				23	23			
5	,, A. J. Dunlop	Do.	38	31					69				
6	,, Nizam-ud-Din	Do.		3					3				
7	,, R. D. Hare	Do.		188		3		2	193			2	3
8	,, C. A. W. Davies	Do.	39						39				
9	,, E. J. Kitts	Do.										3	3
10	,, Nizam-ud-Din	Do.		11		1		1	13		5	4	1
11	,, H. S. Nicholetts	Do.		195	23	5	1	8	232	22		3	1
12	,, H. B. Fowler	Extra Asst. Commissioner	63	24		1	1	1	90	56		1	
13	,, Keshoo Mahipat	Do.	268	703	22	3	2	5	1,003		1	28	6
14	,, Deo Rao Jeykrishna	Offg. do.		1,531		1	4	1	1,537	29		36	12
15	,, Trimbakrao	Do.		37					37				
16	,, Govind Rao	Do.		236		1		2	239			5	
17	,, Suraj Narayan	Attaché		80	56	5		1	151		2	6	
		Total	470	3,581	146	21	8	28	4,254	146	11	99	30
	BULDANA DISTRICT.												
1	Colonel H. C. Menzies	Depy. Commissioner											
2	Mr. R. D. Hare	Assistant Commissioner	155	454		1		5	615		1	3	3
3	,, Kesheorao Mahipat	Extra Assistant Commissioner		205		1			206			1	5
4	Major R. S. Thompson	Assistant Commissioner		237					237				1
5	Mr. Elalji Bahmanji	Do.	23	925				6	954		2	21	9
6	,, Parashram Ganesh	Offg. Tahsildar	4	205				1	210			20	
7	,, Munir-ud Din	Do.		2					2				
		Total	182	2,118		2		12	2,314		3	45	18
	BASIM DISTRICT.												
1	Colonel D. W. Laughton	Deputy Commissioner	9	6				2	17	12		1	
2	Mr. C. A. W. Davies	Assistant Commissioner		202	27	1		6	236		1	24	7
3	,, H. Fitzpatrick	Extra Assistant Commissioner	134	875		17	3	50	1,079	15	15	138	12
4	,, Khwaja Badr-ud-Din	Tahsildar	7	714				11	732			125	24
5	,, Saadat Mir Khan	Do.	75	716		2		1	794			14	13
		Total	225	2,513	27	20	3	70	2,858	27	16	302	56
	AMRAOTI DISTRICT.												
1	Major R. Bullock	Deputy Commissioner	5	9	1				15			1	2
2	Mr. Shrikrishna Narhar	Extra Assistant Commissioner	27	226		1			254	1	1	9	3
3	,, C. Bhim Rao	Assistant Commissioner		289		3	6	4	301		2	19	10
4	,, P. J. Melvill	Do.		25					25			3	2
5	,, Mir Ishan-ul-Hakk	Attaché		439		3	1	5	449	24		27	6
6	,, C. Bhim Rao	Assistant Commissioner	97	276				13	388		1	48	2
7	,, Atmaram Bhikaji	Extra Assistant Commissioner		825	24	3	4	12	878		5	23	14
8	,, Ram Rao Govind	Do.	104	1,148		2	3	1	1,258		2	14	5
9	,, Waman Narayan	Tahsildar	12	567		1	4		584		10	60	
		Total	245	3,797	25	12	18	35	4,133	25	21	274	44
	ELLICHPUR DISTRICT.												
1	Major K. J. L. Mackenzie	Deputy Commissioner	1						1				
2	Mr. H. B. Knowlys	Offg. do.	1		1	1	1		4				
3	Do.	Assistant Commissioner	3	7					10	3			
4	,, Yasin Khan	Do.		16	2				18	1			
5	,, Yar Mahomed Khan	Do.	27	646		7			680			29	6
6	,, Atmaram Bhikaji	Extra Assistant Commissioner	253	343		4	3	19	622			22	2
7	,, Shrikrishna Narhar	Do.		1,592	3	18	3	1	1,617	2	1	27	9
8	,, Govind Rao Yeshwant Rao	Tahsildar	140	505				1	655		1	11	3
9	,, Wasudeo Sadasheo	Offg. Tahsildar		19					19				
10	,, Muntr-ud-Din	Do.		90					90			2	
11	,, Sadasheo Bhaskar	Tahsildar		35					35			2	
		Total	430	3,235	6	28	7	28	3,735	6	2	93	20
	WUN DISTRICT.												
1	Colonel H. Szczepanski	Deputy Commissioner			12				12	5		1	
2	Mr. A. Elliott	Offg. do.		5	2				7				
3	Do.	Assistant Commissioner	49	239	5	2		7	593	1		36	6
4	,, Yasin Khan	Do.		191		5		5		2		17	1
5	,, S. A. Hasein	Attaché	232	534	1	5		35	867	132	6	126	4
6	,, Yasin Khan	Assistant Commissioner		8				3	11				2
7	,, C. Sachachellam	Tahsildar		66	44	3	1		114			21	3
8	,, Ambadass Santu	Do.	8	429				4	441			52	
9	,, Saivad Abdul Aziz	Do.	7	419				17	443		2	51	3
10	,, Mubaruk Ali	Do.		645	76			7	718			52	9
		Total	356	2,526	140	15	1	78	3,116	140	8	357	30
		Total for Districts (1883)	1,914	17,770	344	93	37	251	20,409	344	61	1,169	198
		Total for Districts (1882)	1,605	20,782	687	42	21	237	23,374	687	102	1,183	215
	SMALL CAUSE COURT, AKOLA.												
1	Mr. C. A. W. Davies	Judge	90	1,835			1	26	1,982		1	7	4
2	,, E. J. Kitts											12	3
3	,, H. S. Nicholetts										1	41	8
4	,, Maolvi Mahomed Nizam-ud-Din										2	30	16
		Total	90	1,835			1	26	1,982		4	90	29
	SMALL CAUSE COURT, KHAMGAON.												
1	Mr. A. J. Dunlop	Judge	86	987			1	2	1,076			1	
2	,, E. J. Kitts											7	2
3	,, R. D. Hare											2	
		Total	86	987			1	2	1,076			10	2
	SMALL CAUSE COURT, AMRAOTI.												
1	Lieut.-Colonel Grant	Judge	140	2,5[illegible]		3		21	2,638		6	102	96
		Total for Small Cause Courts (1883)	316	5,[illegible]		2	2	49	5,746		10	202	12
		Total for Small Cause Courts (1882)	332	6,250		1	5	25	6,613		8	154	12
		Grand Total (1883)	2,230	23,147	344	95	39	300	26,155	344	71	1,371	210
		Grand Total (1882)	1,937	27,032	687	43	26	262	29,987	687	110	1,287	240

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Civil Suits disposed of by each officer in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1883.

Civil Suits.

Disposed of.												Average duration of suits.					
Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.						Contested.			Uncontested.		
Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex parte.	Dismissed ex parte.	For Plaintiff.	For Defendant.	Judgment for Plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for Defendant.	Total of columns 12 to 22.	Pending at the close of the year.	Of these pending more than three months.	Date of the oldest suit pending.	No. of cases, columns 19 to 22.	Aggregate No. of days occupied in trial.	Average No. of days.	No. of cases, columns 12 to 18.	Aggregate No. of days occupied in trial.	Average No. of days.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
4	...	1	...	1	...	6	2	1[illegible]	10	6	22-8-82	10	1,642	164·2	5	1,160	143
...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	[illegible]	...	...	...						
50	154	94	7	...	...	76	15	41[illegible]	10	...	...	91	7,079	77·8	330	6,380	19·4
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	19	8	...	...	...	31	5	6[illegible]	...	...	...	26	1,864	51·8	36	1,096	30·4
...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...						
23	36	23	...	1	...	50	7	145	48	5	17-3-83	58	5,321	91·7	87	4,021	46·2
4	9	2	...	...	...	8	1	24				9	513	57	15	475	31·6
8	3	1	...	...	...	8	7	28	25	21	5-12-82	15	760	50·6	13	641	49·3
7	18	10	4	1	...	28	7	85				36	3,194	88·7	49	2,420	45·3
9	15	5	...	...	...	31	6	70				37	2,365	63·9	33	1,425	43·2
5	5	2	...	...	...	17	7	34	...	...	...	24	2,103	87·8	10	408	40·8
121	468	217	...	...	...	194	39	1,193	...	...	...	292	28,294	125·3	861	22,338	25·9
107	603	187	3	3	...	344	74	1,374	134	26	3-10-82	421	43,107	101·8	953	20,367	21·4
9	21	6	...	...	...	1	...	37									
40	86	34	...	...	...	34	7	206	93	92	15-1-83	42	3,977	94·7	201	10,576	52·6
10	20	4	...	...	...	46	14	102	49	3	4-11-82	60	9,138	165·6	42	2,726	64·9
401	1,484	536	14	6	...	874	191	3,709	399	182	...	1,071	111,757	104·3	2,638	73,854	28·
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
110	71	84	...	...	...	104	15	3[illegible]1	...	...	...	119	11,594	95·7	272	17,801	65·6
104	100	110	...	...	...	50	13	3[illegible]2	...	...	...	63	9,168	145·5	320	18,628	58·6
57	47	32	...	...	...	26	1	164	201	46	6-11-82	27	3,918	1[illegible]·3	137	14,244	103·9
115	308	123	4	5	1	153	20	890	54	11	10-6-83	188	9,[illegible]	40·4	672	19,438	28·9
50	54	20	...	...	...	52	5	201	...	...		57	1,6[illegible]3	28·1	144	2,754	19·1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	2	1[illegible]-7-83	...	...		...	...	
456	670	378	4	5	1	385	63	2,0[illegible]8	306	72	...	454	34,716	76·1	1,554	72,927	46·9
1	...	...	...	...	...	[illegible]	1	5	...	...	...	3	917	305·6	2	28	14·
19	78	24	1	...	...	82	12	210	[illegible]	4	19-7-83	95	4,26[illegible]	45·2	124	2,979	24·
118	102	63	1	8	1	225	106	890	1[illegible]	38	16-1-83	340	24,6[illegible]	72·5	550	21,73[illegible]	39·5
100	330	11	...	1	6	31	44	708	[illegible]	2	8-9-83	82	2,347	29·2	626	10,381	16·6
191	365	25	6	...	...	70	36	724	[illegible]	3	4-[illegible]-83	112	7,160	6[illegible]·9	612	16,361	26·7
435	983	123	17	9	7	417	199	2,546	22[illegible]	47	...	632	39,4[illegible]6	62·4	1,914	51,470	26·9
1	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	11	...	4	2-8-8[illegible]	7	1,2[illegible]0	172·	4	471	117·7
31	46	24	5	1	...	109	28	263	...	...	...	137	4,6[illegible]	31·	116	2,897	25·
41	55	42	4	...	...	160	4[illegible]	391	...	...	...	128	8,470	66·2	173	6,163	35·6
1	10	2	...	...	...	[illegible]	2	25	...	...	...	7	401	70·1	18	458	25·4
21	47	18	3	...	...	2[illegible]	1	158	2[illegible]	93	6-[illegible]-8[illegible]	3[illegible]	2,[illegible]81	58·5	117	4,700	40·2
38	103	64	8	...	...	10[illegible]	11	388	...	...	...	124	7,800	62·9	264	9,890	37·1
100	221	117	10	3	...	176	74	816	[illegible]	...	2-10-8[illegible]	253	19,9[illegible]0	74·7	563	16,662	29·6
148	406	277	5	...	...	240	47	1,153	10[illegible]	5	1[illegible]-[illegible]-8[illegible]	2[illegible]3	15,1[illegible]1	51·6	860	24,192	28·1
121	128	99	9	...	...	61	2[illegible]	514	7	20	4-8-8[illegible]	87	6,[illegible]07	73·6	427	18,330	43·2
502	1,022	638	41	4	...	827	24	3,617	490	122	...	1,07[illegible]	65,301	60·8	2,542	81,023	33·
...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	185	185·	...	...	...
...	...	1	...	...	...	2	1	4	...	...	...	3	4[illegible]2	1[illegible]·0	1	22	22·
...	1	...	...	...	...	5	1	7	...	...	...	6	3[illegible]5	65·8	1	12	12·
...	4	...	...	...	...	2	...	6	11	1	19-2-83	2	111	55·	4	101	25·2
92	216	137	6	...	...	173	21	650	...	...	...	190	10,861	56·	486	13,396	27·5
70	209	94	1	1	...	162	3[illegible]	6[illegible]6	...	...	...	110	12,818	11[illegible]·6	407	18,620	45·7
118	485	232	1	2	...	343	13	1,311	304	25	23-6-83	43[illegible]	41,318	101·1	873	41,548	47·5
25	211	58	2	...	...	70	4[illegible]	401	254	15	16-2-83	11[illegible]	11,3[illegible]2	102·7	291	23,667	81·3
4	9	1	...	...	...	4	1	19	...	...	...	7	206	41·2	14	447	31·9
12	53	6	...	...	...	13	4	90	...	...	...	1[illegible]	1,6[illegible]1	97·1	73	3,293	45·1
...	26	3	...	...	...	4	...	33	...	...	...	4	57	14·2	31	235	7·5
330	1,214	612	10	3	...	779	157	3,160	509	41	.	979	92,406	91·4	2,181	101,341	46·5
4	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	7	...	...	...	1	42	42·	6	160	31·
2	3	1	...	...	...	...	1	7	...	...	...	1	22	22·	6	203	33·8
8	41	89	1	1	...	81	5[illegible]	315	31	...	...	134	6,010	42·9	181	5,400	29·9
18	41	27	1	...	...	37	1[illegible]	154		1	11-11-[illegible]2	49	3,676	75·	105	4,294	40·9
44	145	202	9	...	...	107	4[illegible]	6[illegible]1	41	...	4-11-83	15[illegible]	13,572	88·7	5[illegible]8	47,810	88·8
1	3	4	...	...	...	2	[illegible]	14	...	...	...	[illegible]	[illegible]	89·2	1	7·3	70·3
8	12	24	...	...	...	24	7	17	17	5	6-4-[illegible]	21	1,[illegible]	62·2	48	3,630	53·3
48	182	74	3	...	...	48	2[illegible]	432	9	...	5-11-8[illegible]	7[illegible]	2,2[illegible]	30·6	35[illegible]	8,515	23·7
100	158	46	...	1	...	40	1[illegible]	420	22	1	17-6-8[illegible]	6[illegible]	2,0[illegible]	34·	30[illegible]	7,967	22·2
119	276	26	1	...	...	152	5[illegible]	6[illegible]3	25	...	...	21[illegible]	7,8[illegible]	37·2	4[illegible]3	14,936	30·9
352	861	494	15	2	...	493	21	2,830	146	7	...	71[illegible]	37,5[illegible]	52·6	2,11[illegible]	93,673	44·3
2,459	6,216	2,741	101	29	8	3,780	1,109	17,870	2,115	474	...	4,925	381,1[illegible]	77·4	12,91	477,297	36·9
2,651	7,671	2,967	111	37	11	4,805	1,09[illegible]	20,773	1,911	404	...	5,942	345,3[illegible]	58·1	14,83[illegible]	426,580	28·8
42	101	51	1	...	...	90	[illegible]	300									
16	45	16	1	1	...	54	2[illegible]	173	226	...	25-10-82	585	12,820	21·9	1,171	27,802	23·7
103	161	86	1	...	...	136	2[illegible]	558									
112	190	115	8	...	...	215	3	716									
272	497	268	11	1	...	495	8[illegible]	1,756	226	...	25-10-8[illegible]	585	12,820	21·9	1,171	27,802	23·7
32	100	61	...	1	...	83	11	293									
23	72	37	...	...	...	44	1[illegible]	200	133	4	28-3-83	291	9,372	32·	6[illegible]2	81,831	28·8
81	142	88	1	3	...	111	2[illegible]	453									
13[illegible]	314	189	1	4	...	238	4[illegible]	943	133	4	28-3-83	291	9,372	32·[illegible]	632	18,831	28·8
830	777	428	10	...	...	617	18[illegible]	2,546	142	1	11-8-83	804	16,03[illegible]	19·[illegible]	1,742	34,526	19·8
737	1,588	885	22	5	...	1,350	325	5,245	501	5	...	1,09[illegible]	38,[illegible]2	2[illegible]·8	3,565	81,150	22·8
82[illegible]	2,081	9[illegible]1	23	12	1	1,709	436	6,29[illegible]	316	2	...	2,158	42,91[illegible]	19·[illegible]	4,130	72,407	17·5
2,106	7,801	3,62	123	34	8	5,130	1,433	21,11[illegible]	2,096	479	...	6,60[illegible]	419,47[illegible]	6[illegible]	16,510	558,456	33·8
3,478	9,7[illegible]	3,88	134	49	12	6,514	1,526	27,070	2,230	436	...	8,10[illegible]	383,2[illegible]	4[illegible]9	18,969	498,987	26·3

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Supplemental Statement showing the number of Civil cases called up by the Deputy Commissioner for inspection from the Subordinate Courts during the year 1883.

Districts.	Number of cases called up including the balance of last year.	Number of cases transferred to Assistant Commissioner for inspection and report.	Number of cases inspected by the Deputy Commissioner himself.	Result of inspection.				Number of cases pending inspection at the close of the year.	Remarks.
				Cases in which procedure was found to be correct.	Cases in which errors pointed out and communicated to the officer concerned.	Number of cases ordered to be admitted under the Government Notification No. 1099-I., dated 3rd May 1883.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Akola	219	161	58	32	26	...	58	161	
Buldana	111	...	111	102	9	...	111	...	
Basim...	202	20	182	119	83	...	202	...	
Amraoti	329	...	329	286	43	...	329	...	
Ellichpur	365	...	365	290	75	...	365	...	
Wun	291	...	291	212	79	...	291	...	
Total ... 1883 ...	1,517	181	1,336	1,041	315	...	1,356	161	
Total ... 1882 ...	1,623	120	1,474	1,158	436	...	1,594	29	

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Judicial Statement No. XX.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing the general result of the trial of miscellaneous cases in the several Districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1883.*

Part II.—Miscellaneous Cases.—(Judicial.)

No.	Districts.	No. of cases remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1883.	Received otherwise.				Total for disposal.	Disposed of.												Total of columns 11 to 21.	Pending at the close of 1883.	Average duration of cases.	
				Received by transfer from other Courts.	Remanded under Section 562, Act XIV. of 1882.	Reviewed under Section 626.	Reviewed under Sections 99, 103, 108.		Transferred to other Courts.	Without trial.			Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.				Contested, columns 18 to 21.	Uncontested, columns 11 to 17.
										Applications rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex parte*.	Dismissed *ex parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
1	Akola ...	89	619	17	1	2	26	754	17	53	38	1	14	157	70	7	1	1	225	105	672	65	41·9	29·4
2	Buldana ...	11	120	...	...	2	2	135	...	15	5	...	8	13	19	3	...	...	37	24	124	11	47·8	20·6
3	Basim ...	34	234	1	...	3	5	277	1	53	25	1	2	34	51	10	...	...	48	26	250	26	44·7	27·
4	Amraoti ...	54	574	1	...	1	...	630	1	51	50	4	13	38	73	36	...	...	202	92	559	70	57·	32·7
5	Ellichpur ..	89	357	4	...	...	...	450	4	47	25	...	6	71	71	2	...	...	119	81	422	24	66·8	35·
6	Wun ...	2	287	1	...	...	...	290	1	12	12	...	35	49	80	3	...	...	35	53	279	10	17·9	6·5
	Total ... 1883 ...	279	2,191	24	1	8	33	2,536	24	231	155	6	78	362	364	61	1	1	666	381	2,306	206	46·	25·2
	Total ... 1882 ..	209	2,697	8	1	35	145	3,095	8	236	266	6	92	470	312	78	...	...	901	447	2,808	275	33·2	24·7
	Small Cause Courts.																							
1	Akola ...	6	54	...	...	9	41	110	...	19	16	...	4	16	18	1	...	...	22	10	106	4	17·8	18·9
2	Khamgaon ...	1	40	...	...	...	...	41	...	6	2	...	1	1	...	2	...	...	11	14	37	4	39·1	17·7
3	Amraoti ...	5	129	...	...	...	...	134	..	4	5	3	3	8	19	8	...	...	51	27	128	6	21·	14·5
	Total ... 1883 ...	12	223	...	...	9	41	285	...	29	23	5	8	25	37	11	...	...	84	51	271	14	25·9	17·
	Total ... 1882 ...	18	240	...	...	13	34	305	...	26	31	3	10	11	31	8	...	...	101	72	298	12	22·2	14·
	Grand Total. 1883 ..	291	2,414	24	1	17	74	2,821	24	260	178	9	86	387	401	72	1	1	750	432	2,577	220	39·3	22·5
	Grand Total. 1882 ...	227	2,937	8	1	48	179	3,400	8	262	297	9	102	481	343	86	...	...	1,002	519	3,101	291	29·6	21·1

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XX.-A—(Civil.)—*Statement showing in detail further particulars and distribution of Civil Work in the several Districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1883.

Number.	Districts.	For disposal. Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted during the year.	Received otherwise as referred to in Provincial Judicial Statement No. XX., Parts I. and II.	Total.	Disposed of. Total No. of suits decided during the year exclusive of cases transferred to other Courts.	Percentage of cases. Rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default.	Withdrawn with leave	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex parte*.	Dismissed *ex parte*.	By arbitration.	Contested and decided in favour of plaintiff.	Contested and decided in favour of defendant.	Contested cases in favour of plaintiff to the number contested	Average duration. In contested cases.	In uncontested cases.	Number decided by European Judges.	Number decided by Native Judges.	Average number decided by officers of each class.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
1	Akola	470	3,581	203	4,254	3,709	·3	2·7	·8	10·9	40·	16·	·4	·2	23·6	5·1	82·1	104·3	28·	460	3,249	463	
2	Buldana	182	2,118	14	2,314	2,008	·1	2·2	·9	21·7	33·4	18·8	·2	·3	19·3	3·1	85·9	76·4	46·9	555	1,453	502	
3	Basim	225	2,513	120	2,858	2,546	·6	11·9	2·2	17·	37·9	4·8	·7	·6	16·4	7·8	67·4	62·3	26·9	1,114	1,432	569	
4	Amraoti	245	3,797	90	4,132	3,617	·6	7·6	1·2	18·9	28·3	17·6	1·1	·1	22·9	6·7	77·2	60·8	33·	36	3,531	452	
5	Ellichpur	436	3,235	64	3,735	3,160	·1	2·9	·6	10·4	38·4	16·2	·3	·1	21·7	6·3	79·8	94·4	46·5	12	3,148	526	
6	Wun	356	2,526	234	3,116	2,820	·3	12·5	1·	12·5	30·5	17·4	·5	·1	17·6	7·6	70·	52·6	42·2	329	2,501	471	
	Total... 1883...	1,914	17,776	725	20,409	17,870	·3	6·5	1·1	13·8	34·8	15·3	·6	·2	21·2	6·2	81·6	77·4	44·3	2,506	15,364	364	
	Total... 1882...	1,605	20,782	987	23,374	20,773	·5	5·[illegible]	1·	12·8	36·8	14·3	·5	·3	23·1	5·2	81·5	58·1	28·7	2,488	18,285	594	
	Small Cause Courts.																						
1	Akola	90	1,865	27	1,982	1,756	·2	5·1	1·7	15·4	28·3	15·3	·6	...	28·3	5·1	84·8	21·9	23·7	1,040	716	878	
2	Khamgaon	86	987	3	1,076	943	...	1·1	·3	14·3	33·3	20·1	·1	·4	25·2	5·2	82·9	32·2	28·8	943	...	943	
3	Amraoti	140	2,525	23	2,688	2,546	·2	4·1	3·5	13·	30·5	16·8	·4	...	24·2	7·3	76·7	19·9	19·8	2,546	...	2,546	
	Total... 1883 ..	316	5,377	53	5,746	5,245	·2	3·9	2·3	14·2	30·2	16·9	·4	...	25·7	6·2	80·7	22·8	22·8	4,529	716	1,311	
	Total... 1882...	332	6,250	31	6,613	6,297	·1	2·5	2·	13·1	33·1	14·6	·4	·2	27·1	6·9	79·8	19·9	17·5	6,297	...	6,297	
	Grand Total ... 1883 .	2,230	23,147	778	26,155	23,115	·4	5·9	1·4	13·8	33·8	15·7	·5	·1	22·2	6·2	78·3	63·5	33·8	7,035	16,080	436	
	Grand Total ... 1882...	1,937	27,032	1,018	29,987	27,070	·4	4·8	1·3	12·8	35·9	14·4	·5	·2	24·1	5·6	81·	47·9	26·3	8,785	18,285	602	

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Judicial Statement No. XXI.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing the value and costs of Original Suits and Miscellaneous Cases (Judicial) decided in the several Districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1883.*

No.	Districts.	Total number disposed of and value. Suits.	Value.	Aggregate costs of suits and miscellaneous cases. Necessary.	Voluntary.	Total.	Average cost of suits and miscellaneous cases. Necessary.	Voluntary.	Total.	Percentage of costs to value of suits. Necessary.	Voluntary.	Total.	Average value of suits.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
	Original Suits.													
1	Akola	3,623	6,98,885 0 7	67,393 5 5	26,179 4 5	93,572 9 10	18 9 7	7 3 7	25 13 2	9 10 3	3 12 0	13 6 3	192 14 5	
2	Buldana	1,952	1,07,675 3 2	20,856 9 6	7,148 14 1	28,005 7 7	10 10 11	3 10 7	14 5 6	12 7 0	4 4 2	16 11 2	86 6 11	
3	Basim	2,425	1,90,798 2 5	22,669 12 6	7,061 11 6	29,731 7 0	9 5 6	2 15 [illegible]	12 4 9	11 14 1	3 11 1	15 9 2	78 12 1	
4	Amraoti	3,430	4,02,413 14 9	42,541 15 3	15,631 7 8	58,173 6 11	12 6 5	4 8 1[illegible]	16 15 4	10 9 2	3 14 2	14 7 4	117 5 2	
5	Ellichpur	3,050	4,55,721 11 10	43,430 6 0	16,082 5 0	59,512 11 0	14 3 10	5 4 4	19 8 2	9 8 6	3 8 5	13 0 11	149 6 8	
6	Wun	2,758	1,91,448 12 7	21,150 13 5	1,942 1 0	23,092 14 5	7 10 8	0 11 [illegible]	8 5 11	11 0 9	1 0 3	12 1 0	71 0 2	
	Total ..	17,238	21,07,142 13 4	2,18,042 13 7	74,045 11 8	2,92,088 9 3	12 10 [illegible]	4 4 9	16 15 2	10 5 6	3 8 3	13 13 9	122 3 9	
	Suits of which value cannot be fixed													
1	Akola	64	...	1,578 0 6	592 6 6	2,170 7 0	24 10 6	9 4 1	33 14 7	.	...	...	..	
2	Buldana	56	...	1,175 4 6	291 2 0	1,466 6 0	20 15 [illegible]	5 3 2	26 2 11	...	..	...		
3	Basim	48	...	1,328 14 0	219 10 0	1,548 8 0	27 10 8	4 8 9	32 3 [illegible]	..	...	...	.	
4	Amraoti	114	...	1,683 4 6	425 4 0	2,1[illegible]8 8 6	14 12 3	3 11 8	18 7 11	...	...	...	..	
5	Ellichpur	64	...	1,3[illegible]0 14 0	394 10 0	1,715 8 0	20 10 2	6 2 8	26 12 10	...	.	...	.	
6	Wun...	72	...	1,6[illegible]5 9 6	1[illegible]5 7 0	1,8[illegible]1 0 0	23 8 9	1 14 1	25 6 10	...	...	...	...	
	Total ...	418	...	8,781 14 0	2,058 7 6	10,840 5 6	21 0 2	4 14 9	25 14 11	...	...	...	...	
	Miscellaneous Cases.													
1	Akola	644	...	2,924 0 0	900 15 0	3,824 15 6	4 8 8	1 6 4	5 15 0	.	..	...		
2	Buldana	124	...	690 2 0	258 6 6	948 8 6	5 9 0	2 1 4	7 10 4	...	...	...	...	
3	Basim	25[illegible]	...	395 2 0	38 13 8	433 15 8	1 9 3	0 2 1	1 11 4	..	..	...	..	
4	Amraoti	558	...	2,185 1 0	1,168 14 10	3,353 15 10	3 14 8	2 1 6	6 0 2	...	.	...	...	
5	Ellichpur	422	...	96[illegible] 8 0	570 5 0	1,539 13 0	2 4 9	1 5 7	3 10 4	..	..	...	.	
6	Wun...	279	...	294 15 0	21 0 0	315 15 0	1 0 11	0 1 [illegible]	1 2 1	...	..	..	...	
	Total ...	2,277	...	7,4[illegible]8 12 6	2,958 7 0	10,417 3 6	3 4 5	1 4 9	4 9 2	...	.	.	..	
	Small Cause Courts Original Suits.													
1	Akola...	1,756	1,28,143 9 11	16,349 8 6	828 9 11	17,178 2 5	9 4 11	0 7 7	9 12 6	12 12 2	0 10 4	13 6 6	74 1 2	
2	Khamgaon	939	79,443 5 10	10,362 13 3	517 8 0	10,880 5 3	11 0 7	0 8 10	11 9 5	13 0 9	0 10 5	13 11 2	84 9 8	
3	Amraoti	2,546	2,20,822 7 4	28,376 7 10	1,082 1 0	29,458 8 10	11 2 4	0 6 9	11 9 1	12 13 7	0 7 10	13 5 5	86 11 8	
	Total ...	5,241	4,28,409 7 1	55,088 13 7	2,428 2 11	57,517 0 6	10 8 2	0 7 5	10 15 7	12 13 9	0 9 1	13 6 10	81 1 10	
	Miscellaneous Cases.													
1	Akola	106	...	2[illegible]2 14 0	15 8 0	268 6 0	2 6 2	0 2 4	2 8 6	...	...	...	...	
2	Khamgaon	37	...	167 15 0	10 0	178 7 0	4 8 7	0 4 6	4 13 1	..	...	...	...	
3	Amraoti	128	...	570 2 0	31 9 0	601 11 0	4 7 3	0 3 11	4 11 2	..	...	...	..	
	Total ...	271	...	9 0 15 0	57 9 0	1,048 8 0	3 10 6	0 3 5	3 13 11	...	...	...	.	
	Grand Total ... 1883 ...	25,445	25,35,552 4 5	2,90,363 4 8	81,548 6 1	3,7[illegible],911 10 9	11 6 7	3 3 3	14 9 10	11 7 3	3 3 5	14 10 8	112 12 9	
	Grand Total ... 1882 ...	30,171	29,38,322 13 1	3,30,217 4 6	97,462 8 11	4,27,709 13 5	10 15 2	3 3 8	14 2 10	11 3 10	3 5 6	14 8 10	111 8 6	

Supplemental Statement showing the value and costs of Original Suits decided in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1883.

Value of suits.	No. of suits disposed of.	Aggregate value of suits.	Aggregate cost of suits.	Average value of suits.	Average cost of suits.	Percentage of costs to value.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
Not exceeding Rupees 10 ...	1,742	12,004 9 10	4,865 9 1	6 14 3	2 12 8	40 8 5	
Do. „ 50 ...	10,299	3,02,815 8 7	62,414 3 7	29 6 5	6 0 11	20 9 9	
Do. „ 100 ...	4,991	3,65,355 9 7	55,261 15 3	73 3 3	11 1 2	15 2 0	
Do. „ 500 ...	4,792	9,75,205 1 3	1,28,589 15 11	203 8 1	26 12 8	13 2 11	
Do. „ 1,000 ...	493	3,32,951 0 6	42,355 7 7	675 5 8	85 14 7	12 1 2	
Do. „ 5,000 ...	140	2,75,782 15 9	31,932 4 10	1,969 14 0	228 1 5	11 9 3	
Do. „ 10,000 ...	15	1,00,529 7 11	11,387 9 6	6,701 15 5	759 2 9	11 5 2	
Exceeding „ 10,000 ...	7	1,70,907 15 0	12,798 8 0	24,415 6 10	1,828 5 9	7 1 11	
Total ...	22,479	25,35,552 4 5	3,49,605 9 9	112 12 9	15 8 10	13 12 7	
Suits of which value cannot be fixed ...	418	...	10,840 5 6	...	25 14 11	...	
Total ... 1883 ...	22,897	25,35,552 4 5	3,60,445 15 3	112 12 9	15 11 11	13 12 7	
Total ... 1882 ...	27,070	29,38,322 13 1	4,15,954 6 1	111 8 6	15 5 10	14 8 10	

NOTE.—Miscellaneous cases (Judicial) have been omitted from this statement.

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XXII.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of Decrees in the several Districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1883.

No.	Districts	Number of applications dealt with: Pending: Before Civil Court	Pending: Transferred to Collector under Section 320	Filed: The decrees being those of the Court where execution is taken out	Filed: The decrees being those of other Courts transferred for execution	Restored to the file for any cause	Total	Applications disposed of: Transferred: To another Court under Section 223	Transferred: From one Court to another within the district	Wholly or partly satisfied	Wholly informal	Total	Pending: Pending in Civil Court	Pending: Transferred to Collector under Section 320	Details of entries in column 10: Satisfaction obtained in full	Satisfaction obtained in part	Satisfaction obtained through the Court	Adjusted under Section 258	Satisfaction obtained with the issue of process	Satisfaction obtained without the issue of process	Amount realized: With the issue of process	Amount realized: Without the issue of process	Number of applications: On which judgment-debtor was imprisoned	On which his person was not arrested under Section 336, but released without imprisonment	On which moveable property: Was sold	On which moveable property: Was attached, but subsequently released under Section 276	On which immoveable property: Was sold	On which immoveable property: Was dealt with under Sections 305, 322, or 326	On which immoveable property: Was attached, but subsequently released under Section 276	On which possession was given: On which specific performance was enforced	On which possession was given: Of immoveable property, Section 229	On which possession was given: Of immoveable property, Sections 263 and 264	On which execution was refused, or otherwise than in the preceding columns	Remarks: Note the number of entries in columns 5 and 8, where the decrees have been transferred from or to another district or province
1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
																					Rs. a p	R a p													
1	Akola	1,149	553	3,001	545	1	5,255	217		2,075	1,472	3,765	897	533	1,238	838	1,309	707	2,029	47	97,451 14 0	405 7 6	20	37	328	227	471	113	478	2	3	82		37
2	Buldana	173	53	1,258	72	.	1,635		2	548	760	1,310	270	55	331	217	277	171	548		25,957 10 5		6	8	42	26	104	17	8	4		69	2	279
3	Basim	189	18	1,155			1,361			477	564	1,041	307	13	328	112	275	202	427	50	13,589 13 4	5,632 8 9	13	9	100	104	42	5	113	15			3	1
4	Amraoti ...	593	122	3,141	263	3	4,127		11	1,580	1,757	3,348	639	147	986	594	989	591	1,557	2	73,327 7 6	355 4 0	63	13	228	300	148	20	287	6	4	117	9	93
5	Ellichpur .	872	138	2,846	137		3,988		60	1,785	1,252	3,097	750	141	1,095	690	842	943	1,764	21	35,364 3 7	1,143 8 0	44	20	257	221	174	90	271			48		
6	Wun ..	292	30	1,471	156	3	1,982		91	674	785	1,559	393	39	464	210	484	190	666	8	24,672 8 0	776 1 0	18	11	144	40	34		22	1	2	8		
	Total 1883	3,268	915	12,952	1,208	7	18,348	217	164	7,140	6,590	14,111	3,249	938	4,442	2,686	4,276	2,864	6,991	148	2,70,456 8 10	8,342 13 3	164	98	1,079	812	973	245	1,179	25	9	319	22	407
	Total 1882	3,215	690	13,805	903	11	18,804	5	..	8,109	6,509	14,623	3,206	915	5,095	3,014	5,069	3,410	7,834	273	2,83,075 10 8	38,917 11 11	167	93	1,519	1,071	1,005	294	1,293	62	9	399	23	440
	Small Cause Courts.																																		
1	Akola ..	125		1,219	4		1,348		.	579	618	1,197	149		304	275	253	321	579		7,300 11 5		5	10	119	17			.			..		
2	Khamgaon .	77		633	7		723			227	350	580	137		141	86	102	125	214	13	3,188 8 6	4 12 0		4	62	88			..		1			
3	Amraoti	146	..	1,855	5	..	2,009			729	1,126	1,855	154		322	307	426	303	636	32	8,510 5 11	1,074 4 0	7	23	219	158			...					
	Total 1883	349		3,713	16		4,078			1,535	2,103	3,638	440	..	777	758	785	73	1,491	41	18,999 9 10	1,079 0 9	12	36	430	263		.			1		.	
	Total 1882 ..	521		4,083	14	1	4,621			1,803	2,472	4,275	349	.	802	911	910	893	1,759	44	23,774 0 7	2,127 4 5	10	41	523	326					..			
	Grand Total 1883	3,617	915	16,665	1,224	7	22,426	217	164	8,675	8,693	17,719	3,689	938	5,219	3,436	5,062	3,613	8,482	193	2,89,336 2 8	9,421 14 0	176	134	1,509	1,075	973	245	1,179	29	10	319	22	407
	Grand Total 1882 ..	3,736	690	17,983	1,007	12	23,428	5	...	9,912	8,961	18,896	3,615	915	5,987	3,925	6,009	3,903	9,593	319	3,06,849 11 3	56,045 0 4	177	134	2,042	1,397	1,005	294	1,293	62	9	399	26	440

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XXIII.—(Civil.—*Statement showing litigation regarding Survey Numbers in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1883.

No.	Districts.	Suits relating to Survey Nos. included in column 20, Judicial Statement No. VII.					Suits to declare or establish right in Survey Nos. included in column 23, Judicial Statement No. VII.
		Suits to recover possession under Sections 8 and 9 of the Specific Relief Act.	Other suits between parties claiming as proprietors.	Other suits between the proprietors of Survey Nos. and sub-tenants.	Suits not included in the foregoing columns.	Total number of suits.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Akola ...	5	47	52	83	187	32
2	Buldana ...	5	66	20	18	109	...
2	Basim ...	1	30	21	12	64	12
4	Amraoti ...	6	103	39	148	296	129
5	Ellichpur ...	3	7	24	38	72	8
6	Wun ...	...	49	1	15	65	...
	Total... 1883...	20	302	157	314	793	181
	Total... 1882...	40	379	252	328	999	238

N. B.—The word proprietor in this statement to be understood as including co-occupants and co-sharers, as well as khatedars.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XXIII.-A—(Civil.)—*Statement showing litigation regarding Watandari Suits in the several Districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1883.

Description of watans.	Watandari suits included in columns 21 and 24 of Judicial Statement No. VII.						
	Akola.	Buldana.	Basim.	Amraoti.	Ellichpur.	Wun.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Deshmukhs ...	2	4	1	8	...	1	16
Deshpandias ...	1	...	2	8	...	3	14
Patels ...	1	4	9	3	2	...	19
Patwaris ...	2	...	...	2	1	...	5
Josis ...	2	1	2	4	1	...	10
Mullas and Kazis ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Mahars ...	1	4	3	13	2	...	23
Other watandari suits not included above	...	1	12	...	3	3	19
Total ...	9	14	29	38	10	7	107

NOTE.—This statement being newly prescribed for 1883, the total for the previous year cannot be given.

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XXIV.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing the disposal of land or other immoveable property under Sections 321 and 323 of the Code of Civil Procedure in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts for the year* 1883.

No.	Districts.	Number of instances in which land paying revenue to Government was attached.	Number of instances in which immoveable property was dealt with under Section 321 of the Code of Civil Procedure.	Number of instances in which the Deputy Commissioner as Collector took steps under Section 323 of the Code of Civil Procedure.					No. of instances in which the sales of land recommended.		No. of instances in which the sales actually took place.		Period for which the temporary alienation was made.				
				A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	Self-acquired.	Ancestral.	Self-acquired.	Ancestral.	For 1 year and under.	For 3 years and under.	For 5 years and under.	For 10 years and under.	Above 10 years and not exceeding 20 years.
1	2	3	4	5					6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	Akola ...	495	59	...	...	76	90	25	2	...	36	40	11	21	21	27	10
2	Buldana ...	48	28	...	...	...	6	..	6	8	6	6	1	1	1	2	1
3	Basim ...	50	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
4	Amraoti ...	238	80	...	...	6	5	19	11	17	7	2	1	1	3	...	...
5	Ellichpur ...	213	192	...	...	15	90	...	14	12	5	10	7	30	12	26	15
6	Wun ...	76	26	...	...	5	8	...	8	4	4	1	1	2	2	1	2
	Total. 1883	1,120	406	...	...	102	199	44	41	52	58	60	21	55	39	56	28
	Total. 1882	1,367	592	10	...	46	236	49	91	93	58	49	13	69	56	66	42

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XXV.—(Civil).—*Statement showing the number of Civil Debtors imprisoned and released in the several districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year,* 1883.

No.	Districts.	Remained from last year.	Imprisoned during the year.	Total.	Released during the year.	Remaining at the close of the year.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Akola	5	20	25	25	...	
2	Buldana	...	6	6	5	1	
3	Basim	1	13	14	12	2	
4	Amraoti	2	63	65	63	2	
5	Ellichpur	4	48	52	45	7	
6	Wun	1	18	19	18	1	
	Total ...	13	168	181	168	13	
	Small Cause Courts.						
1	Akola	...	5	5	4	1	
2	Khamgaon	...	1	1	...	1	
3	Amraoti	1	7	8	8	...	
	Total ...	1	13	14	12	2	
	Grand Total 1883 ...	14	181	195	180	15	
	Grand Total 1882 ...	17	184	201	187	14	

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XXVI.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing the amounts realized under different heads of the Court Fees Act in the several Districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1883.

No.	Districts.	Amount realized on account of Court Fees. In Labels. Civil.	Criminal.	Revenue.	Total.	Amount realized on account of Process Fees In Labels. Civil.	Criminal.	Revenue.	Total.	Grand total of columns 6 and 10.	Total cost of Process Service Establishment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Rs a	Rs. a.	Rs. a	Rs. a.	Rs. a	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a	Rs. a. p.
1	Akola	61,149 7	2,950 8	3,473 1	67,573 0	16,385 7	3,658 1	816 2	20,859 10	88,432 10	13,223 0 2
2	Buldana	19,183 6	1,625 0	2,268 2	23,076 8	7,320 7	1,608 10	181 6	9,110 7	32,186 15	5,791 13 3
3	Basim	17,621 7	869 13	790 14	19,282 2	7,303 8	896 0	27 2	8,226 10	27,508 12	4,368 8 0
4	Amraoti	48,604 13	3,855 2	2,843 5	55,303 4	16,240 2	4,717 8	62 6	21,020 0	76,323 4	9,970 13 11
5	Ellichpur	37,275 6	1,437 13	2,323 11	41,036 14	13,107 12	1,684 3	162 10	14,954 9	55,991 7	7,600 12 4
6	Wun	17,017 4	805 1	1,044 4	18,866 9	6,722 4	1,028 8	75 2	7,825 14	26,692 7	4,884 9 9
	Total ...	2,00,851 11	11,543 5	12,743 5	2,25,138 5	67,079 8	13,592 14	1,324 12	81,997 2	3,07,135 7	45,839 9 5
	Small Cause Courts.										
1	Akola	13,069 3	..	...	13,069 3	6,015 7	...	.	6,015 7	19,084 10	2,323 13 11
2	Khamgaon	7,635 1	...	...	7,635 1	3,081 14	...	...	3,081 14	10,716 15	2,431 3 1
3	Amraoti	19,159 11	...	...	19,159 11	6,792 11	...	...	6,792 11	25,952 6	3,792 3 9
	Total ...	39,863 15	...	...	39,863 15	15,890 0	...	...	15,890 0	55,753 15	8,547 4 9
1	Judicial Commissioner's Court.	8,420 11	33 10	...	8,454 5	227 4	...	...	227 4	8,681 9	...
	Total ... 1883...	2,49,136 5	11,576 15	12,743 5	2,73,456 9	83,196 12	13,592 14	1,324 12	98,114 6	3,71,570 15	54,386 14 2
	Total ... 1882...	2,83,603 8	10,991 1	13,678 7	3,08,273 0	72,157 15	12,351 15	1,199 15	1,05,709 13	4,13,982 13	55,339 6 7

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XXVII.—(Civil.)—*Statement of Processes issued and the amount realized and expended in the several districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1883.

No.	Districts.	No. of processes issued.	Amount realized on account of processes.	Establishment. Nazirs, &c.	Establishment. Process servers.	Establishment. Contingencies.	Establishment. Total costs.	Balance.	Average No. of processes served by each process server.	Average distance travelled by each process server.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.			
1	Akola	48,531	20,859 10 0	5,162 14 10	8,060 1 4	...	13,223 0 2	7,636 9 10	747	2,965	
2	Buldana ...	20,706	9,110 7 0	2,565 3 11	3,223 7 4	3 2 0	5,701 13 3	3,318 9 9	638	2,535	
3	Basim	17,465	8,226 10 0	2,016 8 0	2,352 0 0		4,368 8 0	3,858 2 0	823	2,680	
4	Amraoti	44,423	21,020 0 0	4,209 8 0	5,761 5 11		9,970 13 11	11,049 2 1	527	1,004	
5	Ellichpur ...	30,845	14,954 9 0	2,756 10 1	4,830 0 11	14 1 4	7,600 12 4	7,353 12 8	701	2,117	
6	Wun ...	14,897	7,825 14 0	2,025 0 0	2,850 9 9	...	4,884 9 9	2,941 4 3	419	3,034	
	Total ..	1,76,867	81,997 2 0	18,735 12 10	27,086 0 3	17 3 4	45,839 9 5	36,157 8 7	642	2,539	
	Small Cause Courts.										
1	Akola	12,084	6,015 7 0	1,105 1 0	1,074 14 4	143 14 7	2,323 13 11	3,691 9 1	850	2,298	
2	Khamgaon .	6,871	3,081 14 0	1,239 0 0	1,173 3 1	20 0 0	2,431 8 1	650 10 11	574	1,874	
3	Amraoti .	14,290	6,792 11 0	1,837 4 0	1,636 12 10	318 2 11	3,792 3 9	3,000 7 8	671	2,[illegible]	
	Total ..	33,245	15,890 0 0	4,181 5 0	3,883 14 5	482 1 6	8,547 4 9	7,342 11 3	698	2,142	
1	Judicial Commissioner's Court ...	408	227 4 0	...	...	...	...	227 4 0	...	...	
	Total ... 1883	2,10,520	98,114 6 0	22,917 1 10	30,970 7 6	480 4 10	54,366 14 2	43,727 7 10	661	2,407	
	Total ... 1882	2,13,376	1,05,509 13 0	...	...	...	55,339 6 7	50,370 6 5	...	...	

NOTE.—As this statement was newly prescribed for 1883, columns 5, 6, 7, 10, and 11 for 1882 cannot be filled up.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XXVIII.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing the average detention of Witnesses in the several districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1883.

No.	Districts.	No. of witnesses who attended.	Period of detention. For 1 day.	For 2 days.	For 3 days.	For 4 days.	For 5 days.	For 6 days.	For 7 days.	For 8 days.	For 9 days.	For 10 days.	Up to one month.	Total.	No. of witnesses examined.	No. of witnesses allowed to go unexamined.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	Akola	8,230	6,601	1,128	394	75	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,230	4,725	3,505	
2	Buldana	3,778	3,474	203	76	9	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	3,778	1,684	2,094	
3	Basim	3,243	3,063	135	32	8	..	5	...	...	...	...	...	3,243	2,540	703	
4	Amraoti	6,215	5,174	845	177	15	4	...	...	...	...	..	...	6,215	4,070	2,145	
5	Ellichpur	5,607	5,267	286	41	3	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	5,607	3,475	2,132	
6	Wun	1,945	1,679	168	62	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,945	1,767	178	
	Total ...	29,018	25,258	2,765	782	146	41	10	16	...	...	...	...	29,018	18,261	10,757	
	Small Cause Courts.																
1	Akola	4,182	4,147	32	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,182	1,486	2,696	
2	Khamgaon ...	2,423	2,294	110	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,423	1,328	1,095	
3	Amraoti	6,299	6,195	61	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,299	2,668	3,631	
	Total ...	12,904	12,636	203	65	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,904	5,482	7,422	
	Grand Total. 1883 ...	41,922	37,894	2,968	847	146	41	10	16	...	...	...	...	41,922	23,743	18,179	
	Grand Total. 1882 ...	51,345	46,076	4,365	680	163	52	9	...	...	...	...	...	51,345	25,444	25,901	

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XXIX.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Court in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1883.*

Districts.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1883.	Otherwise received.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to courts in other districts.	Appeals summarily rejected under Section 551.	Dismissed for default. Sections 556, 557, or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard *ex-parte*.				Contested.				Total disposed of, columns 10 to 19, omitting transfers.	Pending at the end of 1883.	Of those pending more than 3 months.	Average duration of		Objections under Section 561, Act XIV. of 1882.
			Received by transfer.	Reviews under Section 626, Act XIV. of 1882.	Remands under Section 562.	Revivals under Sections 558, 560.					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.				Appeals shown in column 10.	Appeals shown in column 20.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Appeals from original decrees.																								
Akola	4	78	...	...	...	...	82	...	32	4	4	5	4	2	6	1	6	6	70	12	...	29·5	54·7	...
Buldana	6	17	...	..	...	...	23	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	4	...	22	1	..	1·4	52·2	...
Basim	1	100	...	...	...	6	107	...	24	7	...	1	...	1	21	17	12	17	100	7	..	17·7	39·1	...
Amraoti	4	100	...	1	...	3	108	...	1	7	6	1	1	2	47	5	25	3	98	10	2	24·	53·8	
Ellichpur	6	109	...	1	...	1	117	...	3	6	4	2	2	1	43	12	27	15	115	2	1	11·6	42·[illegible]	...
Wun	1	44	...	...	...	...	45	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	11	5	15	7	45	...	...	6·4	29·1	...
Total ...	22	448	..	2	...	10	482	...	72	24	14	9	7	6	141	40	89	48	450	32	3	15·1	45·[illegible]	4
*Miscellaneous Appeals.**																								
Akola	1	5	...	...	...	...	6	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	5	1	..	18·8	24·4	...
Buldana	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	...
Basim	1	8	...	..	...	...	9	...	4	1	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	9	...	...	18 2	14·8	...
Amraoti	...	9	...	...	...	...	9	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	4	5	...	9	33·5	...
Ellichpur	...	3	...	1	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	2	...	2	...	4	..	...	...	13·2	...
Wun	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	...
Total ...	2	26	...	1	...	...	29	...	8	2	2	..	2	...	2	1	5	1	23	6	...	15·1	17·8	...
Judicial Commissioner's Court.																								
Appeals from original decrees.	35	295	...	6	10	1	347	...	83	7	4	...	2	...	98	22	29	30	275	72	10	38	68	...
Appeals from appellate decrees.	7	73		1	2	...	83	...	46	...	1	...	...	..	16	...	7	...	70	13	...	36	52	...
Miscellaneous appeals* ...	10	61	...		..	...	71	...	37	...	...	...	1	...	12	...	3	5	58	13	...	37	31	...
Total ...	*52	429	...	7	12	1	501	...	166	7	5	...	3	...	126	22	39	35	403	98	10	37	60	...
Grand Total ... 1883..	76	903	...	10	12	11	1,012	...	216	33	21	9	12	6	269	63	133	84	876	136	13	20·6	36·5	4
Grand Total ... 1882..	132	782	...	1	3	13	931	1	292	44	20	5	10	6	263	70	107	37	854	76	15	23·4	40·7	5

* Includes appeals from orders under Section 558, Act X. of 1877; appeals in miscellaneous judicial cases, and those under Government Notification No. 112-J., dated 19th July 1878, Foreign Department

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XXX.—(Civil).—*Statement showing the value and costs of appeals decided by the Appellate Courts in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1883.*

Districts.	Total number disposed of.		Aggregate costs of appeals.			Average cost of appeals.			Percentage of costs to value.			Average value of appeals.
	Appeals.	Value.	Necessary.	Voluntary.	Total.	Necessary.	Voluntary.	Total.	Necessary.	Voluntary.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Appeals from original decrees.												
Akola	65	7,388 0 3	803 15 0	238 4 0	1,042 3 0	12 5 10	3 10 8	16 0 6	10 14 2	3 3 6	14 1 8	113 10 6
Buldana	21	4,639 3 9	539 4 0	184 5 7	723 9 7	25 10 11	8 12 4	34 7 3	11 10 0	3 15 6	15 9 6	220 14 8
Basim	86	6,560 9 4	850 1 0	259 10 1	1,109 11 1	9 14 1	3 0 3	12 14 4	12 15 4	3 15 3	16 14 7	76 4 7
Amraoti	90	13,520 4 6	1,344 9 0	403 6 6	1,747 15 6	14 15 0	4 7 9	19 6 9	9 15 1	2 15 9	12 14 10	150 3 7
Ellichpur	110	19,327 7 3	1,686 2 0	1,066 10 0	2,752 12 0	15 5 2	9 11 2	25 0 4	8 11 7	5 8 4	14 3 11	175 11 3
Wun	43	2,349 7 2	308 4 0	21 2 6	329 6 6	7 2 8	0 7 10	7 10 6	13 1 11	0 14 5	14 0 4	54 10 3
Total ...	415	53,785 0 3	5,532 3 0	2,173 6 8	7,705 9 8	13 5 3	5 3 10	18 9 1	10 4 7	4 0 7	14 5 2	129 9 10
Appeals of which value cannot be fixed.												
Akola	5	...	43 3 0	17 8 0	60 11 0	8 10 2	3 8 0	12 2 2	...	...	...	...
Buldana	1	...	15 4 0	...	15 4 0	15 4 0		15 4 0	...	...	...	...
Basim	8	..	178 3 0	62 8 0	240 11 0	22 4 4	7 13 0	30 1 4	..	..	...	...
Amraoti	4	...	59 8 0	10 4 0	69 12 0	14 14 0	2 9 0	17 7 0	...	...	...	...
Ellichpur	3	...	29 12 0	22 2 0	51 14 0	9 14 8	7 6 0	17 4 8	...	...		...
Wun	2	...	22 8 0	...	22 8 0	11 4 0	...	11 4 0	...	...	..	...
Total .	23	...	348 6 0	112 6 0	460 12 0	15 2 4	4 14 2	20 0 6	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous appeals.												
Akola	5	...	11 11 0	...	11 11 0	2 5 4	...	2 5 4	..	...	...	...
Buldana	..	...	..	...	..	..	.	...	.	...	...	...
Basim	9	...	42 14 0	13 12 0	56 10 0	4 12 2	1 8 5	6 4 7	...	..	...	...
Amraoti	4	..	8 13 0	2 5 9	11 2 9	2 3 3	0 9 5	2 12 8	...	..	...	.
Ellichpur	4	...	6 1 0	1 0 0	7 1 0	1 8 3	0 4 0	1 12 3	...	..	...	
Wun	1	...	0 8 0	...	0 8 0	0 8 0	...	0 8 0	...	...	..	...
Total	23	...	69 15 0	17 1 9	87 0 9	3 0 8	0 11 11	3 12 7	...	..	...	...
Judicial Commissioner's Court.												
Appeals from original decrees.	261	2,62,315 12 6	7,559 14 0	4,588 6 2	12,148 4 2	28 15 5	17 9 3	46 8 8	2 14 1	1 12 0	4 10 1	1,149 6 3
Do. appellate decrees.	69	8,417 13 5	1,320 13 0	199 2 0	1,519 15 0	19 2 3	2 14 2	22 0 5	15 11 1	2 5 10	18 0 11	145 2 2
Miscellaneous appeals* .	58	...	181 4 0	16 0 0	197 4 0	3 2 0	0 4 5	3 6 5	...	.		...
Total ..	388	2,70,733 9 11	9,061 15 0	4,803 8 2	13,865 7 2	23 5 8	12 6 1	35 11 9	3 5 6	1 12 5	5 1 11	917 11 10
Grand Total .. 1883	849	3,24,518 10 2	15,012 7 0	7,106 6 7	22,118 13 7	17 10 11	8 5 11	26 0 10	4 7 1	2 2 4	6 1 11	457 1 1
Grand Total .. 1882	855	3,11,200 11 7	20,033 15 6	9,102 2 9	29,136 2 3	23 6 11	10 10 4	34 1 3	6 1 7	2 8 2	8 10 0	431 9 11

* Includes appeals from orders under Section 588, Act XIV of 1882; appeals in miscellaneous cases, and those under Government Notification No. 1099-1, dated 3rd May 1883.

Supplemental Statement showing the value and costs of appeals decided in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1883.

Value of appeals.	No. of appeals disposed of.	Aggregate value of appeals.	Aggregate cost of appeals.	Average value of appeals.	Average cost of appeals.	Percentage of costs to value.	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
Not exceeding Rupees 10	23	133 10 5	136 0 0	5 13 0	5 14 7	101 12 1	
Do. „ 50	204	6,581 5 5	1,498 0 1	32 4 2	7 5 6	22 12 2	
Do. „ 100	165	12,990 9 10	2,066 11 1	78 11 8	12 8 5	15 14 6	
Do. „ 500	249	59,448 6 6	7,314 14 8	238 12 0	29 6 0	12 4 10	
Do. „ 1,000	46	32,321 6 11	3,431 5 0	702 10 3	74 9 6	10 9 10	
Exceeding „ 1,000	23	2,13,043 3 1	5,406 7 0	9,262 12 0	235 1 0	2 8 7	
Total ...	710	3,24,518 10 2	19,853 5 10	457 1 1	27 15 5	6 1 11	
Appeals of which value cannot be fixed	58	...	1,981 3 0	...	34 2 6	...	
Grand Total ... 1883 ...	*768	324,518 10 2	21,834 8 10	457 1 1	28 6 11	6 1 11	
Grand Total ... 1882 ..	787	311,200 11 7	27,917 0 3	431 9 11	35 7 7	8 10 0	

*Appeals otherwise received and disposed of have been omitted from this column, hence the difference between this column and column 20 of Provincial Judicial Statement No. XXIX.

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
The 3rd April 1884.

J. G. BELL,
Judicial Commissioner,
Hyderabad Assigned Districts.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Resident at Hyderabad, in the Judicial Department, No. 286-J., dated Hyderabad Residency, the 10th June 1884.

Read—

The Annual Report on Criminal and Civil Justice in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts for the year 1883.

RESOLUTION.

Criminal Justice.

THE prominent feature in the Report is the decrease of crime, and the greater correctness with which it has been reported. The inhabitants of the province may be congratulated on the increased security around them, as the returns for the past year show a marked decrease in offences affecting life and property, as well as no dakaitis of a serious nature.

2. During the year, 14,793 offences were reported, of which only 807 were struck off, leaving 13,986 offences admitted to have been committed. 11,524 of these were brought to trial, being a percentage of 82, against 79·4 per cent. in 1882. Including the persons under trial at the close of 1882, 21,194 persons were awaiting trial, of whom 21,062 were disposed of, *viz.* :—

Died, &c.	... 394	..	1·9 per cent.
Discharged and acquitted	... 11,277	...	53·5 „
Convicted	... 9,234	...	43·8 „
Committed or referred ...	... 157	...	0·8 „

The average duration for the disposal of each case in the Courts of Magistrates was 7·5 days, against 6·7 days of the previous year. The detention of witnesses at trials also slightly increased.

3. The Officiating Resident is glad to see that the general percentage of cases struck off continues to decrease. The districts of Basim and Wun, however, still continue to have a higher percentage than other districts in the province, and appear to require further control from District Magistrates in the expunction of offences from the crime register.

4. The increased duration of time in the disposal of cases and the detention of witnesses may be accounted for by the decrease of effective strength of the magistracy, being eight short of their usual numbers, but in both these matters the Officiating Resident would gladly see some improvement.

5. The percentage of convictions has decreased by 4 per cent. for the whole province. The district percentages are as below :—

	1883.		1882.
Akola	41·6	...	52·1
Buldana	45·3	...	40·9
Basim	53·0	...	62·9
Amraoti	37·8	...	38·5
Ellichpur	52·5	...	51·6
Wun	47·	...	57·3

This return shows many fluctuations in convictions for the two years. The Ellichpur and Buldana Districts only show improvement, while Amraoti has fallen even lower than it was, and maintains its last year's position of showing the worst average for convictions.

The Officiating Resident hopes that the decrease in petty thefts may be the principal cause of the falling off, but trusts there may be an improvement, and especially so in the Amraoti and Akola Districts, during the current year. The very poor results in cases of assault and criminal hurt indicate that the remedy largely lies in the adequate examination of the complainant by the Magistrate before issuing process against the accused.

6. Offences against property have decreased, while offences against Municipal and special laws have increased. The latter increase is satisfactory as

showing that the supervision of local officials is still maintained, although their services are not so much required for detecting more serious crimes.

7. It appears that a very large percentage (81 per cent.) of criminal justice was dispensed by Tahsildars and Special Magistrates, and that the punishments inflicted were in all probability as a direct consequence light, as in sentences of imprisonment 83 per cent. did not exceed six months; and of fines inflicted 84 per cent. did not exceed Rs. 10. There was also a considerable decrease in sentences of whipping.

8. No mention has been made of sentences of solitary confinement. Sir Oliver St. John trusts that this punishment, so desirable in some cases, is not lost sight of by Magistrates, and that such sentences may be shown when the next yearly report is submitted.

9. Special Magistrates in their disposal of so many cases have earned the thanks of Government and a further claim on District Magistrates for their support and supervision. With time and experience, judgment and self-reliance will necessarily follow to make their services still more valuable.

10. Appeals to the Courts of District Magistrates have increased from 478 to 515, while those to the Court of the Judicial Commissioner have decreased from 140 to 96. In the former Courts the average duration of time for the disposal of cases was the same as in the previous year, while in the latter Court there has been a marked decrease of 14 days.

When it is recollected that the appealable cases to the District Magistrates' Courts comprise nearly, if not quite, every one of the convictions from Tahsildars and Special Magistrates, who disposed of 84 per cent. of the criminal work, while the appealable cases to the Court of Sessions are only a portion of the convictions by 1st class Magistrates, it will be seen that a very small proportion of appealable cases convicted by the subordinate magistracy are appealed against in comparison with the appeals in appealable cases convicted by 1st class Magistrates. Yet in the former the chances of getting the sentence reduced or upset are even, whereas in the latter only 32·2 per cent. of the cases succeeded.

It is the trifling nature of the punishment in the one case which makes an appeal not worth while; and the greater number of appeals in Amraoti as compared with Wun shows that this natural disinclination is overcome on occasions by the influence of legal advisers.

11. The inspection returns show that errors were discovered in 402 cases, of which the greatest numbers came from the districts of Akola, Basim, and Ellichpur.

The Officiating Resident is glad to hear that the Judicial Commissioner during the cold weather was able to personally inspect so many cases, as also to form so favourable an impression of the procedure employed by Magistrates in their trials of criminal cases.

Civil Justice.

During the year under report, there has been a marked decrease of litigation. The returns show 23,147 original suits, against 27,032 of the previous year, giving a net decrease on the whole of 3,885 suits, or a falling off of 16·8 per cent. for the province. This was chiefly due to an unfortunate epidemic of cholera, which necessitated the temporary closing of several civil Courts, and though the decrease has been partly ascribed to the effects of a bad season, it is evidently due much more to the want of opportunity than the falling off of desire to litigate; still less can it be ascribed to any permanent adversity.

In spite of the cholera epidemic there was an increase of original suits in the Wun District,, which must be accepted as a proof of increasing prosperity in that part of the country.

2. The proportion of suits instituted to population is 1 to every 115 souls, a somewhat higher rate than is prevailing in the adjacent Central Provinces.

The average value of the suits still continues to be high, *viz.*, Rs. 112-12-9, which is somewhat in excess of the average of the previous year, and nearly double that of suits in the Punjaub and Central Provinces.

3. The suits were disposed of in the following way :—

Contested	...	...	28·4 per cent.
Without contest	...	...	63·8 „
Without trial	...	...	7·6 „
By arbitration	...	...	0·2 „

Of contested cases 78·3 were decided in favour of the plaintiff, showing a slight diminution from the percentage for similar decrees during the previous year. Their average duration of time has risen to 63·5 from 47·9 in 1882. The delay apparently was owing to heavier rains than usual, the prevalence of cholera, and the frequent changes of judicial officers.

4. At the end of the year, there were 2,696 cases pending, of which 479 had been pending more than three months. Of these 185 belonged to the Akola and 122 to the Amraoti District.

As these cases appear to have been delayed for want of a judge with sufficient powers to try all the cases, the Officiating Resident hopes that during the current year arrangements will be made for providing judges exercising requisite powers to certain fixed Courts, and that any further serious obstruction in the civil administration of justice will be prevented.

5. Regarding the agency for disposal of suits, it appears that 45·7 per cent. of suits were disposed of by Extra Assistant Commissioners, 24·2 per cent. by Tahsildars, and only 24·5 per cent. by Assistant Commissioners, as compared with a percentage of 34·7 for the previous year.

Too many cases appear to fall to the lot of Tahsildars, as in some of their Courts, *viz.*, Mangrul, Pusad, Darwha, upwards of 600 cases were disposed of; the Officiating Resident cannot but think that such heavy civil duties must interfere with the efficient discharge of their primary revenue work.

6. The Officiating Resident is glad to see that the Attachés are becoming more useful, and trusts that the improvement will increase year by year.

7. Satisfactory progress appears to have been made in the execution of decrees, as 83·5 per cent. of the applications were disposed of; but there is still room for improvement, as there were many decrees undisposed of at the end of the year.

The Officiating Resident is glad to notice a considerable decrease in the sales of land paying rent to Government, as also in attachments of moveable property. The speedy release of those imprisoned for debt is also worthy of notice.

8. The value of Small Cause Court cases appears to have slightly increased, as also the average duration of time for their disposal. 501 cases remained for disposal at the end of the year. The explanation submitted by the Judges at Amraoti and Khamgaom satisfactorily explain the delay in disposing of some of their long pending cases.

9. There was an increase in the number of appeal cases with a trifling rise in the percentage of rejections, and a decrease in the confirmation of decrees.

The Officiating Resident quite coincides with the opinion that the provisions of Section 551, Civil Procedure Code, permitting the rejection of an appeal without notice to the respondent, are a great boon to litigants as a means for saving time and expense, and trusts that they may be made more applicable in the Amraoti District.

10. Inspections of cases show a decrease in errors, and that in the Akola District 161 cases called for by the Deputy Commissioner were forwarded by him to Assistant Commissioners for inspection out of 219. The Officiating Resident agrees that such a proportion is much too large, and should for the future be avoided, as